

Manslaughter arrest shocks cocaine mom

ROCKFORD, Ill., May 31, (AP) — A woman charged with manslaughter in her baby's death because she allegedly abused cocaine during her pregnancy, says she loved her daughter and was surprised at being arrested.

"I was just shocked," Melanie Green, 24, said in an interview today. "I was waiting for my little boy to come home. I wish they wouldn't have done this to me. I'm very upset at what they're doing."

Green, who is unmarried, was waiting for her 6-

year-old son, Damen, to come home from his 1st grade class Monday when she was arrested by detectives from the Rockford Police Department.

The mother was charged with involuntary manslaughter and delivering a controlled substance to a minor in the death of Bianca Green, who died on Feb. 4, two days after she was born.

"I loved her, I did," said Green, who was freed on \$3,500 bail yesterday.

The case has raised serious legal and public health questions about the rights of pregnant women and the growing problem of pregnant women who abuse drugs.

Dr. P. John Seward, the Winnebago county coroner, said cocaine was found in Bianca's system and in her mother's.

The child weighed 4 pounds, 3 ounces and was 17 inches tall when she was born, said Seward.

Dad takes son

Sick boy missing

NEW YORK, May 31, (UPI) — A Jehovah's Witness who had said he did not want his leukemia-afflicted 5-year-old to suffer pulled his son out of the hospital despite a court order — and disappeared with the boy, police said yesterday.

The child's mother, Migdalia Pagan, 35, noticed that the boy was missing from the paediatric play area on the fifth floor of the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Centre about 9 pm Sunday and notified nurses and security guards, said Sgt Raymond O'Donnell.

Her husband, David, 36, had been at the hospital all day, said O'Donnell, a police spokesman. The couple live in the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn and also have a 14-year-old son.

"The father is distraught over the illness, he takes the child," O'Donnell said. "The father had indicated that he didn't want the boy to suffer and that he wanted him to enjoy life."

Investigators were treating the matter a missing child case, said the sergeant, who added that he did not believe Pagan would hurt his son.

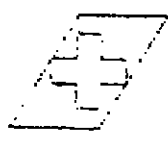
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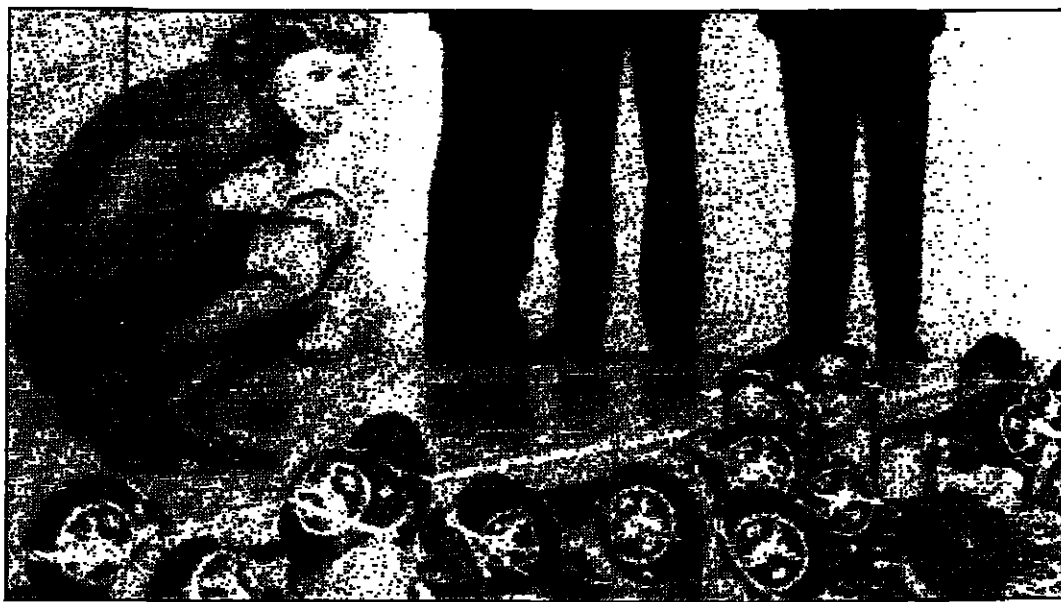
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Royal repartee

The Princess of Wales chats with swimmers after she opened the leisure swimming area of the 'Sovereign Centre' in Eastbourne, England. (Reuter wirephoto)

MEDICAL FILE

Vitamin packed: A Hungarian company has launched a cigarette containing vitamin C.

Tobacco smoke destroys vitamin C in the impregnated filter instead of the smoker's body, the Hungarian News Agency MTI-Econews quoted the Pecs Tobacco Factory as saying.

The cigarette is the first to be granted advertising space on Hungarian television.

Vitamin C levels are 40 per cent lower in heavy smokers than in non-smokers, the news agency said. (Reuters)

Syphilis increase: "Chicken heads," women who trade sex for a brief high on crack cocaine, are being blamed for a sharp increase in syphilis rates in rural Georgia.

"We have... little girls out on the street every night having sex numerous times just for cocaine," said Ray Shierling, one of six state epidemiologists who interviews syphilis victims in 14 southwest Georgia counties.

State health officials report a 71 per cent increase in the number of syphilis cases in Georgia since 1987. The state had 3,849 cases in 1987 and 3,414 last year, according to Jane Carr, director of the Georgia Department of Human Resources' Office of Infectious Disease in Atlanta. (AP)

Stars honoured: Former Brazilian soccer star Pele and US actress Brook Shields have been awarded World Health Organisation medals for promoting the fight against smoking, WHO said yesterday.

The announcement came on the eve of No-Tobacco Day, a world-wide WHO-sponsored event

for which the organisation's head, Dr Hiroshi Nakajima, urged those who smoke or chew tobacco to quit for at least 24 hours.

Some 40 people and organisations were awarded medals for promoting a tobacco-free society, a statement by the UN agency said.

Pele was honoured "for taking the message to youth that smoking and sports do not mix," WHO said.

Shields' appearance on a health education poster saying "smoking spoils your looks" won her recognition. (AP)

Hooker sentenced: Victoria Samuelson, 38, an AIDS infected prostitute, was sentenced to 10 years in prison yesterday on a guilty plea to attempted felony solicitation.

District Judge Charles Thompson sentenced the woman on the lesser charge. She originally was accused of felony prostitution and soliciting while knowingly being infected with the AIDS virus. She could have been sentenced to 20 years in prison if convicted on the original charge. (UPI)

Contaminated: A doctor who contracted the AIDS virus while working at a Brooklyn hospital can sue the city and a fellow physician for \$175 million, an appeals court ruled yesterday.

Argentine-native Dr Veronica Prego, 31, said she contracted the deadly virus when she pricked her finger with a contaminated needle while working at the city-run Kings County Hospital in January 1983. The appellate division of the State Supreme Court ruled Prego, who has developed AIDS, can proceed with her suit charging the city with negligence. (UPI)

Overactive immune system likely cause of migraines

NORTHBROOK, Illinois, May 31, (UPI) — An overactive infection-fighting immune system is the likely cause for migraines and other types of headaches, a US researcher said yesterday.

Dr Lawrence Robbins, in a paper published this week in the journal Headache, said people suffering from chronic migraines and tension headaches appear to have more immune system helper cells than people who do not suffer from constant headaches.

"This is fairly exciting and surprising," said

Robbins, who operates the Robbins Headache Clinic in an affluent suburb of Chicago. "We didn't really expect it."

Robbins and 30 million Americans suffer from headaches. He and his colleagues — Drs Alice Gilman-Sachs and Linda Baum of the Chicago Medical School in North Chicago — spent a year studying the blood of headache patients and compared it to the blood of control group subjects, using a flow cytometer to separate out immune cells.

"We were able to see things you can't see

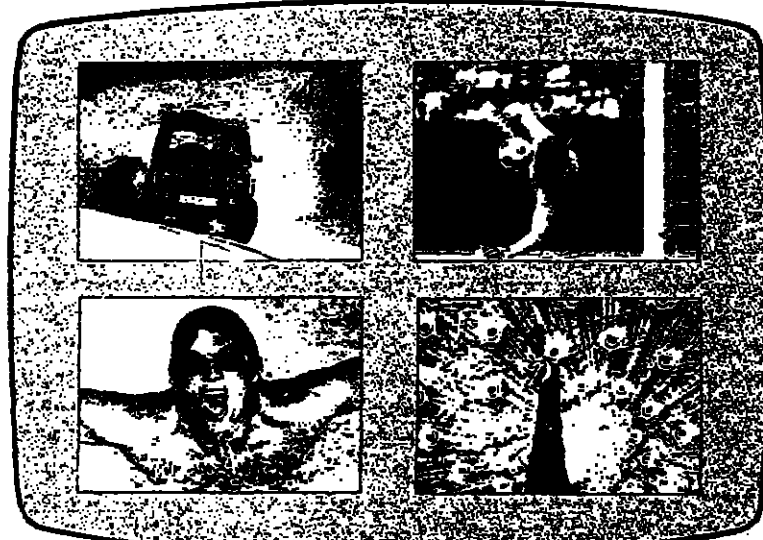
with just a microscope," Robbins said. "The immune system is much more complicated than we thought it was 10 years ago. We can almost predict what someone's immune system will look like based on headache."

"The main difference we found across the board is the opposite of what we usually find in AIDS patients: There are more helper cells in ratio to suppressor cells in headache patients."

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Sri Lankan artist George Keyt still painting at 88 for the fun of it

COLOMBO, May 31, (Reuters): George Keyt, who once had a joint exhibition with Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque in London, is still painting at the age of 88 — for enjoyment rather than profit.

Sri Lanka's most highly regarded artist does not travel or teach.

"I once had an opportunity to meet Picasso," he says "but I dislike to travel so I missed the chance."

"I do what I enjoy most, painting... though not as much as before," he says.

"I do not work for commercial gain. I paint because I love to and it makes me feel good," the silver-haired, frail artist said in an interview at his small home at Piliyandala, 20 km (12 miles) south of Colombo where a birthday exhibit of 88 of his paintings was held in April.

Dressed simply in a batik sarong and a

collarless sleeved shirt, Keyt says he does not know how many paintings he has completed.

"I have done thousands of paintings," he says. "I don't have any count of my work."

Born to a wealthy family of Dutch descent, Keyt spent most of his life in the cool highlands of Kandy in central Sri Lanka. He won art prizes in school but did not originally take the visual arts seriously.

"I had literary aspirations," he says. "I

wrote poetry."

At 23, Keyt started painting. His first works depicted the people of Kandy, their culture and the rolling tea fields that surround the city.

In 1939, overcome by the emotional crisis, he stopped painting for a period and turned to writing poetry. Three volumes of his work were published.

Returning to art, Keyt worked on a big

mural for the Gothami Buddhist temple in Colombo. This painting of the Buddha and his mission is regarded by many as his best.

It was the Gothami painting, as it is popularly known, that gave Keyt international recognition, drawing art lovers and painters to his home at Kandy. He says, however, that he always found dancers and musicians better company than other painters.

Keyt draws inspiration from Hindu mythology and Hindu and Buddhist culture and worked for many years in India. His second wife, Kusum Parmar, whom he married in 1973, is Indian.

The National Gallery of Modern Art in New Delhi displays Keyt's paintings as does London's Zwemmer Gallery where about 50 years ago he held a joint exhibition with Picasso and Braque.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

ROME: Tourists are enjoying after-hours visits to the Colosseum, the Forum and the Palatine Hill, compliments of an offbeat strike.

"If we stopped work, we would just get a bad press. This way we can show people that we are also interested in them," said a woman employee who asked not to be identified.

The Forum normally is closed on Tuesday afternoon, but the caretakers chose instead to work overtime and give away free tickets as a means of protesting their working conditions, as well as "Cultural Ministry bureaucracy."

The workers want more money, and they also want more work. They ask the ministry to offer guided tours of the Forum, which they would be trained to lead. They also urge the ministry to hire more people and to keep the site open later. (AP)

STOCKHOLM: Stockholm metropolitan council Tuesday decided that from 1990, automobile drivers will have to pay \$45 per month to drive within the city limits in a radical move designed to reduce pollution in the Swedish capital.

The plan, which is to encourage commuters to use public transportation, includes provisions for the automobile licence to be also valid as a monthly season ticket to all trains and buses in the Stockholm area, a council spokesman said.

The new dues are estimated to yield 250-300 million kroner (\$37-45 million) a year, and revenues are to be used to improve public transportation in the region according to Knut Nilsson, head of the County Environmental Commission. (UPI)

HOLLYWOOD: Indiana Jones liberated the Holy Grail from the Nazis and delivered a treasure to box offices across the United States: a record \$46.9 million in ticket sales in its first six days.

"Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade," the third and presumably final installment in the adventures of Steven Spielberg's archaeologist, also topped records for week, weekend and single-day admissions, according to figures released on Tuesday.

"I haven't been home since last Wednesday," when the consistently sold-out show opened, said John Pellegrino, manager of the Loews 34th Street showplace in New York. (AP)

KNOXVILLE, Tennessee: A 10-year-old student, apparently feeling he needed more friends, decided to buy them with thousands of dollars of his father's money.

No one is exactly sure how much money the youngster spread around the school in his pursuit of friendship, although officials have recovered \$3,000 from classmates and their parents.

"He was handing out 5-dollar, 10-dollar, 20-dollar and 100-dollar bills," said Richard Scruggs, the school system's security officer. "The boy apparently got into his father's stash." (AP)



Rare portrait

A rare portrait of Duke Cosimo I de Medici by Jacopo da Carucci (Pontorno) was offered for sale in New York yesterday at Christie's. The previous record for an Old Master is some \$10.5 million (Reuters wirephoto).

WASHINGTON: Congressman Claude D. Pepper, whose political odyssey spanned 53 years and 10 presidents and made him the unrivaled champion of America's senior citizens, died Tuesday. He was 88, and the oldest member of Congress.

Pepper had been hospitalized since April 6, suffering from an undisclosed stomach ailment, which a spokesman in his office said Tuesday was cancer. He died at Walter Reed Army Hospital, where he returned a month ago after an interim stay at Jesse Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

Tributes poured in. President George Bush, on his European trip, said in a statement in Bonn, West Germany: "Claude Pepper gave definition and meaning to the concept of public service. He fought for the poor and the elderly in his own determined way."

"There has never been a greater friend and advocate for older Americans," said Congressman Richard Gephardt of Missouri. (AP)

PITTSBURGH: Computer users at Carnegie Mellon University have begun programming pictures of nude women in centrefolds into a computer network students use, prompting women to protest, campus officials said on Tuesday.

The centrefolds were placed into a computer network named "Andrew" after industrialist Andrew Carnegie Mellon. Students could call them up after entering a command into a certain "bulletin board." (UPI)

VATICAN CITY: Pope John Paul II on Tuesday condemned the abortion of malformed fetuses, saying it was against the law of God.

Speaking to participants in a convention on Down's syndrome, the Pope noted that handicapped people were often referred to as "special."

"Whatever meaning we may wish to give to the term, one thing is certain: the person who is 'special' is still a human person, possessing the same inalienable dignity and deserving exactly the same respect as any other person," he said. (AP)

PENSACOLA, Florida: A gas station operator who has been told by city officials that he has to take down a sign offering a discount to those "Whom Jesus Loves" pleaded innocent Tuesday to violating a sign ordinance.

Jerry Harrison, who already has won a fight with Exxon over the sign, will try to take on the city of Pensacola when his jury trial is held on July 31.

In November 1987 Harrison erected a sign at his Exxon station offering a 10 per cent discount on labour for "Christians only." There were complaints, so the sign was removed to offer discounts "To those whom Jesus Loves."

His lawyer, Paul Shimek, argued that meant everybody.

Exxon still was not happy, but the Houston company dropped the matter after the Florida attorney-general's office in January 1988 determined Harrison was violating no laws. (UPI)

MUNICH, West Germany: Italian conductor Giuseppe Patane collapsed on stage during a performance of the Munich City Opera and died early Tuesday at a local hospital, officials said. He was 57.

Patane, who also was the chief conductor of the Bavarian Radio Orchestra, regularly conducted performances of the Bavarian National Theatre and City Opera in Munich.

Late Monday evening Patane collapsed while conducting a new arrangement of the opera "The Barber of Seville." Bavarian Radio spokesman Rainer Tiedt said in a statement released to other news media.

Tiedt said Patane was rushed to a local hospital where he died several hours later. He said the cause of death was an apparent heart attack. (AP)

LUCERNE, Switzerland: A big mauve balloon in the shape of a cow has disappeared over Switzerland and the chocolate maker who uses it for publicity wants it back.

The balloon, six metres (20 feet) long and three metres (10 feet) high was last seen riding at anchor over a Lucerne shopping centre on Monday night.

"We're not sure if it just floated away or if someone deflated it and stole it," a police spokesman said.

The chocolate firm has offered a reward of 1,000 Swiss francs (\$570) — and some chocolate — for its return. (Reuters)

WASHINGTON: Divorced spouses of military veterans suffered a Supreme Court defeat Tuesday when the justices shielded some retirement pay from alimony payments.

By a 7-2 vote in a California case, the court said a 1982 Federal law exempts from alimony any military retirement pay that a veteran converts into disability benefits.

The court also said the law requires that the alimony a military veteran is ordered to provide must be calculated on after-tax income, not gross pay.

Justice Thurgood Marshall, writing for the court, said Congress is free to change the law.

But until that happens, a lawyer in the case said that more than a million divorce settlements could be reopened. (AP)

CHICAGO: Police in suburban Barrington Hills say they've come up with a winner in the \$25-million Illinois lottery.

Sixteen of the 28 employees in the department purchased 90 one-dollar tickets in the Lotto drawing Saturday, said police dispatcher Meghan Crowley, who wasn't in the group.

Lotto officials said three winning tickets were sold for the 25 million jackpot. Payments to Lotto winners are made in 20 annual installments, and the \$8.3-million slice for the Barrington Hills police department should translate into annual payments of about \$26,000 to each member involved. (AP)

COTTINGHAM, England: Ace fighter pilot James "Glacier" Lacey, who downed a record 18 enemy aircraft during the Battle of Britain, died Tuesday aged 72, his widow said.

Lacey was diagnosed with cancer four months ago and maker at a hospital in the eastern England town of Cottenham, said his wife, Sheila. He is also survived by two daughters.

Lacey shot down a total of 27 planes during World War II, including the highest number of any pilot during the 1940 battle between British and German aircraft over London and southern England. The 18 included a Heinkel 111 aircraft returning from a successful bombing raid on Buckingham Palace. (AP)

NEW YORK: Dr. Ernest A.H. Friedheim, who developed a drug credited with saving 2 million victims of African sleeping sickness, has died of kidney cancer.

Friedheim, who died at home Saturday at 89, devised melarsoprol in the 1930s and '40s to treat sleeping sickness, or trypanosomiasis. Spread by the tsetse fly, it remains a serious problem in Africa, and Friedheim's drug is still used to treat some advanced cases.

He also developed drugs to treat many other parasitic tropical diseases, and later in his career devised remedies for lead and mercury poisoning. When he died he also was working on drugs to treat cancer.

"He continued to work virtually until his death," said Dr. Thomas Domesl asking me about the results of our experiments." (AP)

Coming in from the cold

Thaw in relations inspires Le Carre

LONDON, May 31, (Reuters): John Le Carre's Cold War days are over, but the master spy novelist doesn't mourn their passing.

For more than two decades, the icy confrontation between superpowers caught in the grip of the arms race gave Le Carre the perfect backdrop for his taut, suspense-filled tales of duelling Western and Soviet agents.

Relations have thawed in the four years since Mikhail Gorbachev took power in the Kremlin. But Le Carre, whose new book "The Russia House" comes out next month, says the political ferment whipped up by the new leader poses challenges for spies and spy writers alike.

"You don't know where the real source of power are, you don't know where the real alignments and conflicts are. Paradoxically, this is of course a very strong case of spying the hell out of them," he said in an interview.

"One must watch and listen. It's far easier and far more habitual to spy upon friends than upon enemies."

"The Russia House", copies of which proudly adorn the mantelpiece of Le Carre's elegant north London home, is the fruit of two visits he made to the Soviet Union in 1987.

They were eye-opening trips for the man Moscow once called a cold war provocateur.

Le Carre found Soviet citizens familiar with his work through clandestine translations, with fans reputed to include Raisa Gorbachev, the Soviet leader's wife. "I very quickly discovered that I was a naughty and slightly dangerous, bemusing name for them to play with," he said.

Soon to be serialised in the glasnost flagship Ogonyok, "The Russia House" is the story of Barley, a genial, boozy English publisher selected as an unwilling agent by Western spymasters investigating leaked Soviet defence secrets.

Set in a Moscow abuzz with Gorbachev's reforms, it moves away from the traditional Le Carre suspense formula towards a subtler blend of romance, intrigue and ideas.

But the theme of espionage remains central, with Barley's British and American controllers portrayed as unyielding cold warriors whose thinking on Soviet Russia remains rooted deep in the past.

The square-jawed, silver-haired Le Carre, impeccably English in manner and dress, is scathing about what he sees as the persistence of calcified anti-Communism in the West. He sees secret services, resistant to change, as the last refuge of national inhibitions, chauvinism and mistrust.

"The Cold War has produced a situation where we fantasise about one another and where we have done so for so long that the fantasies have become reality," he said.

At 57, Le Carre, whose real name is David Cornwell, can look back on a quarter of a century of best-selling novels hailed both as thrillers and serious literature.

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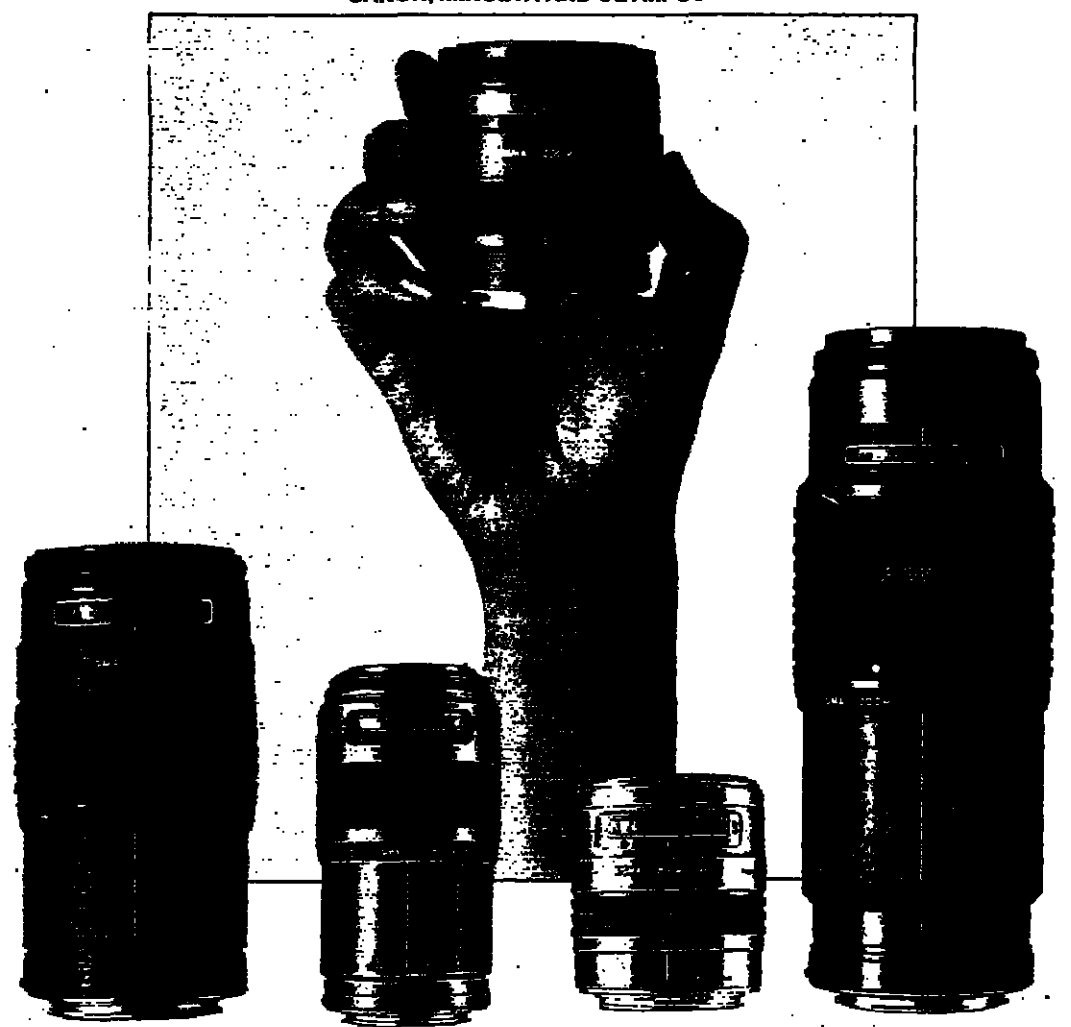
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Killings increase during Cory rule

NEW YORK: It was the murder of a colleague and a Molotov cocktail lobbed at his car that brought Amedeo Valera to New York. For Bernadette Encinarella, it was the armed men who came to church looking for her. For J.V. Bautista, it was the slaying of another close associate.

The three lawyers are among what they say is a growing group of Philippine human rights monitors whose lives are threatened by policies of President Corason Aquino's government and who have come to North America (in their cases, the New York City area) for their own protection.

The lawyers recently joined to form the Philippine UN Task Force on Human Rights, a group (not affiliated with the United Nations) to monitor the accuracy of their government's human rights reports.

"Under Marcos, people left to avoid jail. Now, we leave so we're not killed," says Bautista, a lawyer with Bayan, the umbrella organisation formed in 1985 to consolidate the anti-Marcos groups.

Bayan (New Nationalist Alliance) is a left-leaning legal political group in the Philippines encompassing elements of the Marxist left, the Roman Catholic church, cause-oriented groups, nationalist politicians, and academics.

Bautista, who now has a fellowship at Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School, contends that there are more disappearances and killings now under Aquino than under Marcos. He also charges that even the abuses are qualitatively worse. "People now get decapitated, killed in the most atrocious and cruel way. Bodies are mutilated."

Human rights organisations agree that the Philippine situation is deteriorating. But direct numerical comparisons with the Marcos regime remain "speculative" according to Estrellita Jones, Amnesty International's government programme officer for Asian affairs.

"We had cases of mutilation under Marcos, too," says Jones. "Whether it is more or not we don't know. It's a plus and minus situation."

Since Aquino came to power in 1986, Jones says there have been "many positive things" including Aquino's endorsement of civil and political rights, the release of political prisoners, and her statements supporting of human rights.

"On the other hand, there seems to be an increase of those unlawful killings and disappearances," Jones says. "We are quick to say, however, that it is not our sense that there is a policy of promoting or condoning abuses — but there seems to be an inability or unwillingness to stop these abuses."

Jones also cites an increase in torture, much of it in safehouses run by the Philippine military, or taking place in military camps. She adds that overall higher levels of violence have occurred in the context of "increased violence" by the communist New People's Army (NPA).

Six human rights lawyers have been killed since Marcos fled in February 1986, in addition to a number of journalists and clerics. On March 22, a free-legal-assistance lawyer was shot in Northern Samar Province, and on April 6, a priest was slain by soldiers in Zamboanga del Sur.

Violence by the NPA is also common, but often poorly documented, Jones says.

Valera, a lawyer for peasants and urban poor who says he has received numerous death threats, came to the US last September, and is now with Columbia University's Centre for the Study of Human Rights. He blames the attacks on Aquino's declared policy of "Total War" on communist and Muslim insurgencies which he says had the effect of encouraging attacks on legal opposition groups.

Sidney Jones, executive director of Asia Watch, a New York-based group and a unit of Human Rights Watch, which monitors human rights violations, agrees with Valera that it is the result of "a conscious policy by the government to close its eyes to attacks by paramilitary or civilian armed groups on members of suspected communist front groups."

Asia Watch's Jones says the military holds meetings throughout the countryside to warn people about the dangers of communism, and says it tacitly and sometimes directly encourages attacks on members of leftist trade unions, peasant and urban poor groups.

"Sometimes there seems to be a direct handing out of lists of names," Jones says. "Sometimes it's more subtle, (although) I don't think there's a directive from the Ministry of Defence to go out and kill someone."

Uno accepts nomination to become prime minister

TOKYO, May 31, (AP): Foreign Minister Soudouke Uno has accepted the scandal-plagued Liberal Democratic Party's nomination to become Japan's next prime minister, a party official said.

The 66-year-old Uno, currently in Paris attending international conferences, agreed in a telephone call to take the difficult job of party head and government leader after expressing some reluctance, said Ryutaro

Hashimoto, deputy party secretary-general.

"I am not confident I can handle the job when the party is facing such a difficult time," Hashimoto quoted Uno as telling him. "But now that the party is in an unprecedented crisis, I will commit myself for the party."

Hashimoto said party leaders declined that Uno is "currently the most suited candidate as successor" to Prime Minister Noboru Take-

shita, who is resigning to take responsibility for an influence-peddling scandal.

It has taken more than a month to find a successor since Takeshita said on April 25 he was stepping down. The search was complicated because many party leaders were tainted by political donations or stock profits from the Recruit Co., an information and publishing conglomerate accused of trying to buy favours and

influence.

Uno's name emerged last weekend as Takeshita's choice, and while the party leaders fell into line, some elders and younger members urged the party to adopt more of a collective leadership.

Some opposed Uno because he is a senior member of the party (faction of former prime minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, during whose 1982-87 tenure most of the Recruit scandal

took place.

The opposition to Uno did not cease with Hashimoto's announcement, indicating he would have a difficult time if approved as prime minister.

"I am outraged by this nonsense of giving the country's highest office, which only one person can assume, to a sort of managing director of the Nakasone company," former prime minister Takeo Fukuda said.

Hashimoto said the decision to pick Uno was worked out in daylong meetings among himself, Takeshita, Masayoshi Ito, chairman of the party executive council, Michio Watanabe, chairman of the policy board and Ichiro Yamamouchi, party leader in the upper house of the Diet.

Uno has been summoned back to Tokyo from Paris where he had been attending an international economic meeting, LDP officials said.



Money pours in

BEIJING, May 31: Money is pouring in for pro-democracy Chinese students, but the protesters face problems in converting foreign currency offered by overseas supporters.

Chinese citizens, whose monthly income averages 200 yuan (\$54) in cities, have contributed over a million yuan (\$270,000) to students camped out at Tiananmen Square since May 13, student leader Feng Congde said today.

Another 26 million Hong Kong dollars (\$3.3 million) is sitting in the British colony as supporters there try to figure a way to hand over the money without incurring the wrath of Chinese authorities.

The Chinese government has accused the students of being "counter-revolutionary" and Hong Kong supporters say they could be accused of aiding and abetting their movement.

Many overseas Chinese students have written to ask for a bank account number to transfer money to, student leaders said.

A student begins to count (picture) a suitcaseful of money donated by supporters. (Reuters wirephoto)

Tiananmen Square comes to life

Carnival time

BEIJING, May 31, (AP): Tiananmen Square, a raucous rallying point for students demanding democratic rights by day, becomes a carnival ground of concerts, dancing and exotic food by night.

While thousands of students camped out on the square doze in rickety huts, night owls sing folk songs and dance to tinny sounds from portable cassette players.

Some sing Chinese ballads or hearty renditions of Lionel Richie and John Denver. Others croon songs by the folk trio, Peter, Paul and Mary, sometimes in English, sometimes in Chinese.

One night last week students held a talent show, with serenaders and an amateur stand-up comedian. Another night there was a huge rock concert, with 10,000 fans clustered around the base of the monument to the people's heroes, as popular Chinese singers took turns at the mike.

"I've been coming out here since the protests began," said guitarist Cai Wei, a 22-year-old student at the Central Academy of Fine Arts. "The students on the square are exhausted, so I try to provide some atmosphere for them."

Cai, wearing a loose green shirt and smudged red shorts, sings folk songs from the provinces, such as the tale of a man with a bad leg.

"For the revolution, for the party
The cradle joined the Army,
For the revolution, for the party
The cradle died for the Army."

Traditional and romantic numbers are in, but jabs at unpopular leaders are not.

Unlike the strident chants of millions of protesters in the last two weeks taunting Premier Li Peng and questioning the mental competence of ageing senior leader Deng Xiaoping, the balladeers don't sing satires poking fun at their enemies.

"We're not here to insult anybody, we're seeking political reforms," said a student from Beijing Normal University who gave her name only as Liu.

"We don't want to call names," she said as she joined about 20 singers outside a clumsily built tent. "This is a time to be reasonable."

Though Tiananmen has hardly become a lover's lane, a few couples stroll arm-in-arm under a crescent moon in the vast expanse sweeping southward from the Forbidden City where China's emperors once lived.

Myanmar, not Burma

BANGKOK, May 31, (AP): Burmese people have reacted coolly to the military government's decision to change the country's formal name, a Western diplomat said yesterday.

The diplomat in Burma's capital of Rangoon said a military spokesman announced last Friday that the name "The Union of Burma" was being replaced by "The Union of

Myanmar" to make clear the country is composed of various ethnic groups, not just the majority Burmans.

For four decades, a dozen ethnic-based guerrilla groups controlling vast territory have been fighting for greater autonomy from the government.

The diplomat, reached by telephone from Bangkok, described the latest name change as a public relations ploy.

Thai leader's honeymoon may be over

BANGKOK, May 31, (Reuters): The re-emergence of a self-proclaimed revolutionary council has sown confusion in Thailand's political arena and marked the honeymoon of Prime Minister Chatichai Choonhavan's 10-month old government.

The police special branch said today five people had been arrested in connection with the appearance of leaflets yesterday claiming parliament had been abolished and its powers assumed by a national revolutionary council.

"They have been charged with violations of internal security," Police Major General Vira

Visuthikul told reporters.

The leaflets, resembling an official decree, claimed the council was headed by former prime minister Prem Tinsulanonda and that Army Commander-in-Chief General Chavalit Yongchaiyudh had been named premier.

Within hours of the leaflets' appearance, Chavalit ordered the leaders of the group arrested. Vira said more arrests were expected and that suspects in custody had "partially admitted wrongdoing."

Rainan Arunrangsri, who was a central commit-

tee member of the defunct Socialist Party, was among the council members arrested.

"I don't see any threat to the government, but this has sown more confusion. Chatichai's honeymoon is over," said one diplomat.

Little had been heard of the Revolutionary Council since it convened what it called a national session in 1987 to promote political and counter-insurgency policies pioneered by Prem and Chavalit, who have denied any connection with the movement.

Chinese govt. tries to bully students

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which the arrested labour leaders belonged, said they were released late this afternoon after being questioned for a day about the new union's activities.

China's communist government bans all but the official All China Federation of Trade Unions.

At the government-sponsored rally, demonstrators marched to an outdoor stadium carrying banners reading: "We support Li Peng" and "We oppose the small group causing turmoil."

The event lacked the enthusiasm of demonstrations in Beijing, where hundreds of thousands of people have marched to demand democratic reforms and an end to official corruption.

Rally leaders burned an effigy of astrophysicist Fang Lizhi, an outspoken proponent of democracy, but failed to stir the crowd.

Few joined leaders in shouting slogans such as "Long live the Communist Party" and "Down with Fang Lizhi."

"They told me to come, so I've come," a 27-year-old peasant said.

"To tell you the truth, we were forced to come," said an 18-year-old student. Some participants said they did not understand the purpose of the demonstration.

The Beijing Foreign Affairs Office informed foreign journalists of the march and of several others in suburban sections of the capital.

Martial law regulations, which have been widely ignored, forbid foreign reporters from covering student demonstrations.

At Tiananmen Square, China's symbolic centre of political power, about 10,000 die-hard student protesters entered the 18th day of a sit-in, resisting government demands that they disperse.

"We are now basically waiting for the government to take the initiative," student leader Mo Bin said. "Things are pretty calm with us. It's the government who's nervous."

More than a dozen military motorcycle convoys followed by jeeps sped down the main arteries of the capital, the latest warning that government tolerance was nearing an end.

A military source said 200,000 troops surrounding Beijing have been told to "prepare for winter," meaning hardliners are digging in for a long battle with Communist Party moderates who sympathise with some goals of the students.

An estimated one million people linked hands in the rain today to form a human chain from north to south Taiwan to support the democracy movement in China.

A chubby female textile worker broadcasting from a filthy tent in a corner of Tiananmen Square stole the show today as the ear-piercing battle for central Beijing's airwaves hit a new pitch.

A new station sprang up today in the northwest corner of the square, snatching the limelight with perhaps the most vitriolic insults to the government yet, to applause and laughter from a delighted crowd.



A US helicopter and rescue boat search for the missing Marines. (Reuters wirephoto)

US copter crashes, 14 missing

TOKYO, May 31, (AP): A US Marine helicopter crashed at sea during training operations off Okinawa, Japan, and 14 of the 22 Marines aboard were missing more than 12 hours later, US military spokesmen said today.

Eight Marines were rescued after the crash yesterday, and four of them were slightly injured, officials said.

The CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter, based in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, had just taken off from the USS Denver off Okinawa, said Marine Master Sgt. Jake Rodriguez, spokesman for US forces, Japan.

He said the crash occurred about 33 miles (53 kilometres) south of Kadana Air Force Base on Okinawa during a routine amphibious training

exercise. The cause of the accident was under investigation.

It was the third crash of a US military helicopter in Asia this year.

Nineteen Marines were killed and 16 others injured March 20 when a Sikorsky CH-53-D Sea Stallion helicopter crashed in South Korea during exercises with South Korean forces. There has been no announcement on the cause of that crash.

Four Marines also were killed March 17 when a CH-46 helicopter crashed during the annual "Team Spirit" training exercises. The cause of that crash is also under investigation.

The United States and Japan joined forces with a flotilla of ships, boats and planes today in a hunt for the 14 missing marines.

Taiwan makes cabinet changes

TAIPEI, Taiwan, May 31, (AP): Taiwan's new premier, Lee Kuan-Hung, to fill the vacancies.

The 72-year-old Lee, whose appointment as premier was approved by the law-making legislative Yuan yesterday, replaced economist Yu Kuo-Hwa, 75, who had been criticised for his cautious approach to economic and political reforms.

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Bush wants to send arms to guerrillas in Cambodia

NEW YORK, May 31, (Reuters): The Bush administration has decided to seek congressional backing for a covert operation to supply rifles and other weapons to non-communist Cambodian guerrillas, the New York Times reported today.

"We believe that appropriate assistance will strengthen the political standing and security of the non-communist resistance and enhance its position" in negotiations for a political settlement of the war in Cambodia, the newspaper quoted a State Department official as saying.

In addition, the official said, the aid would be to help the non-communist force "hold its own" if the Khmer Rouge tried to seize "unilateral control."

No official comment on the newspaper report was immediately available.

The main purpose of the aid, the New York Times said, would be to strengthen the position of Prince Norodom Sihanouk in negotiations with the Cambodian government and the communist Khmer Rouge forces.

The prince has been trying to oust the Phnom Penh government and its Vietnamese patrons.



Sniper

A camouflaged sniper runs across open ground during exercise El Alamein to demonstrate co-operation between armour, infantry, and artillery of the Australian Army. (Reuters wirephoto)

Pressure mounting on Wright to resign

WASHINGTON, May 31, (AP): US House of Representatives Speaker Jim Wright won't say if he'll resign over ethics charges, but even one of his staunchest defenders acknowledges the pressure to quit appears overwhelming.

"I believe it's probably too late to change things in his favour," Rep. Charles Wilson, a Texas Democrat, said yesterday. Although "justice would be served by following the game to the end," Wilson said he expected his friend to step down this week because of the political pressure.

The heat continued as CBS and the Washington Post, quoting unidentified sources, said the Justice Department's public integrity section was launching a "preliminary criminal investigation" of Wright. Justice Department sources have previously said the department was monitoring ethics proceedings against Wright but had not decided on a probe of its own.

Sources also told those two news organisations and the Associated Press the FBI is looking into allegations of payroll padding on the staff of Rep. William Gray of Pennsylvania, the fourth-ranking Democrat in the House.

Gray, currently vying to move up in the House leadership, said after CBS broke the story yesterday that it was an "outrageous lie." He said he was questioned by FBI agents Monday but assured he was not the subject of an investigation.

The Justice Department declined comment on the report. After spending the holiday weekend in seclusion, Wright told reporters yesterday, "I think I know what I should do" and "that he would have a statement" before he would make a final decision.

Not waiting for Wright's final decision, some of his own lieutenants are scrambling to move up in the ranks. The pressure on Wright and the power game were made all the more intense by the announcement last weekend that Rep. Tony Coelho of California, the House Democratic whip, would be resigning. Coelho's resignation followed reports he earned nearly \$7,000 from a junk bond investment for which he never had to put up any of his own money.

Wright was charged last month by the House committee on standards of official conduct with violating House rules in 69 instances.

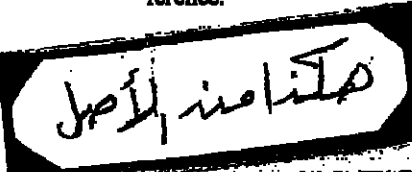
The most serious of those involve allegedly accepting improper gifts — including a no-work job for his wife — from a developer friend, and circumventing House rules on outside income through bulk sales of his book "Reflections of a Public Man."

As Speaker, Wright is the leader of the House and one of the two most powerful men in the Democratic party-controlled Congress, which forms an opposition to the Republican administration of President George Bush. The speaker also follows the vice-president in order of succession to the presidency.

OK Rep. Robert Davis says his hiring of his girlfriend for a \$28,000-a-year job on the House of Representatives merchant marine and fisheries committee is ethically sound.

Davis, 56, a Michigan Republican, acknowledged yesterday he has been living with the 28-year-old staffer, Brook Ball, since earlier this year. Miss Ball was hired Jan 1 on Davis' recommendation and he moved into her Virginia apartment in late January or early February, shortly after separating from his wife, Marty Davis.

"We checked with the Ethics Committee before we hired her to make sure there was nothing wrong with doing it," Davis said.



Yugoslavia clamps down on Albanians

BELGRADE, May 31, (Reuters): Security forces tightened their grip on the restive Yugoslav province of Kosovo today and hunted 12 fugitive ethnic Albanians who opened fire on police after the killing of a nationalist demonstrator.

Police armed with automatic rifles patrolled Kosovo's capital, Pristina, to deter protests after a 28-year-old ethnic Albanian man was shot dead yesterday in a gun battle with police in the town of

Podujevo.

About 500 ethnic Albanian students occupied the campus of Pristina University and shouted nationalist slogans yesterday evening. Police surrounded the campus and the students dispersed quietly after midnight, local sources said.

"There is evidence of anxiety among the population (in Kosovo). Security forces have been strengthened in Pristina's centre," said the radio in

Zagreb, Yugoslavia's second city.

The unrest broke two months of relative calm in Kosovo. In March, 22 ethnic Albanians and two policemen were killed in riots which flared after Kosovo was forced to yield its political autonomy to Serbia, the largest of Yugoslavia's six republics.

Authorities in Kosovo last week lifted a curfew and a ban on non-political meetings imposed in

March. There was no official word on whether new restrictions were in preparation after the latest violence, but political gatherings remained illegal.

Belgrade Radio said 12 ethnic Albanians had fled to the village of Mirojevo after yesterday's clashes and had barricaded themselves for hours in a house from which they fired pistol shots at policemen besieging them.

Gorbachev reforms have failed: Yeltsin

Call to curtail party's power

MOSCOW, May 31, (Agencies): Mikhail Gorbachev's reforms have failed to improve Soviets' lives, and the President has accumulated so much power there is a danger of a "new dictatorship," outspoken communist reformer Boris Yeltsin said today.

Yeltsin, in his first nationally televised address as a member of the new competitively elected Congress, said the 2,250-member body should wrest power from the 20-million-member Communist Party that has ruled the Soviet Union since 1917.

His proposals to radically alter the Soviet power structure, making the party subservient to the Congress of People's Deputies, would require the President to submit to an annual, nation-wide referendum on his performance.

Yeltsin, who became a hero to many Soviets by demanding an end to official privilege and a better life for the common people, said the President's campaign to revitalise Soviet society and the economy had not delivered.

"The promised programme and the promises of the past four years have not been fulfilled," Yeltsin told

the Congress. "People have begun to live worse." He said he held Gorbachev, who became Kremlin chief in 1985, responsible "for all of that."

Yeltsin called on the Congress to decide at least one concrete social issue before adjourning and suggested it abolish all "unlawful privileges for the nomenklatura, yes, and in general strike this word from our lexicon." Nomenklatura is a Russian word for the party and government elite who receive special privileges as a result of their or their families' positions.

He also proposed that the Congress consider making medicine and mass transit free for invalids and tens of millions of Soviets who he said were "living below the poverty line."

"Otherwise, people will not understand us," he said.

The one-time Gorbachev protégé who was fired from his powerful party posts said the President, who is also Communist Party general secretary, had been given "extraordinary powers" in the political overhaul that created the Congress. He suggested Gorbachev might be tempted, like past Kremlin chiefs, to abuse power.

Gorbachev, obviously sensitive to such charges, promised the assembly when he stood unopposed for election last week that he would never take advantage of the increased powers of the presidency.

Power "by right should belong to the people, in the form of the organ it elects, that is, the Con-

Power to legislature

MOSCOW, May 31, (AP): Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev yesterday outlined a new system of legislative oversight that would invest the full time legislature and national parliament with broad powers to change the constitution, question top government officials and review state spending.

He also said the new legislature, called the Supreme Soviet, should create a commission that would act as a constitutional court to ensure the transition to a nation ruled by law and respectful of individual rights.

The powers of the new part-time Congress of People's Deputies and of its standing legislative apparatus aimed at creating expert, policy-making bodies independent of the Communist Party bureaucrats who have run the country for decades and whom Gorbachev blames for slowing his reforms.

In his 95-minute speech to the Congress, Gorbachev foresaw the following powers for the 542-seat bicameral Supreme Soviet:

- Review of state economic plans and the state budget;
- Review of appointments to key state posts and ambassadors;
- Calling government ministers to account for mistakes;
- Ratification of treaties with foreign powers;
- Review of privileges for the elite;
- Keeping deputies in the 2,250-seat Congress informed of its activities;
- Making and reviewing laws, while passing key legislation to the Congress or even to the nation for confirmation or rejection by referendum.

Yeltsin declared. Legal limits on the party's prerogatives would be a revolutionary development in Soviet politics, where for decades party officials have dominated the apparatus of government and turned legislative organs at all levels into docile rubber-stamp bodies.

Another legislator, Yuri Vlasov, a former Olympic weight-

lifting champion, insisted in a

brilliant speech on a law of

impeachment "under which the

head of the state would have to be

removed for hiding the truth."

He also called the sacrosanct

KGB secret police an "under-

ground empire" and demanded

its budget and the number of its

workers be made known.

■ A Ukrainian delegate

proposed today that the Chernobyl

nuclear power station be closed.

Head-on with a bull

Novel (novillero) bullfighter Juan Pedro Galan meets a bull face to face covered by his cape during Tuesday's San Isidro fair bullfight. Galan was not injured in the mishap and continued the fight. (Reuter wirephoto)

Human rights parley Romania blamed

VIENNA, May 31, (Agencies): Romania's extensive violation of human rights has made it the most repressive country in Europe, the International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights said in a report.

"Anyone who expresses views not entirely consistent with government policies—or in particular, with the policies of President (Nicolaie) Ceausescu—is in danger of being harassed, detained and imprisoned," the group said.

The report said it was impossible to estimate the total number of political prisoners but listed the names of 33 known cases.

The list did not include the many Romanians who, according to the Vienna-based group, are under house arrest or constant police surveillance.

The federation cited reports of ill-treatment among those held, including electric shocks and beatings.

"Human rights are grossly and pervasively violated in Romania," it said. "As a result the country has turned into the most repressive country in Europe."

Romania, already under fire due to its plan to destroy thousands of ethnic Hungarian villages, faced savage criticism from Canada, France, Switzerland, Spain and Iceland at the opening session of the human rights conference yesterday.

A spokesman for the League of Human Rights in Romania said that dissident writer Doina Cornea had recently been badly beaten for violating a house arrest order.

Spokesman Dino Zansurescu said Cornea received 17 stitches after the beating, which took place on the same day a Belgian politician had tried to visit her.

Police also beat up the Belgian politician and a colleague.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, pointing to reforms taking hold in "a young Soviet democracy," pledged his nation's support for freedom at the conference.

Shevardnadze told the conference yesterday numerous laws "are being examined by the new Soviet parliament, notably laws concerning freedom of conscience, of the press, of social organisations, and entry and exit into the country."

"The young Soviet democracy, operating in a state of maximal openness, is dealing directly with problems related to the guarantee of human rights, their legislation and their respect in the activities of nations," Shevardnadze said.

Shevardnadze noted that the conference, which will gauge the effectiveness of the human rights provisions of the 1975 Helsinki Accords, coincided with the opening sessions of the first Soviet Congress in seven decades to be chosen primarily in competitive elections.

Bulgaria cordons off towns, villages

More deportees in Turkey

VIENNA, Austria, May 31, (AP): Bulgarian police and troops have cordoned off several towns and villages following recent clashes between ethnic Turkish demonstrators and security forces, diplomatic sources reported today.

The sources who spoke to the Associated Press over the telephone from Sofia, the Bulgarian capital, said a major demonstration took place in the town of Shumen in northeastern Bulgaria, but that the number of casualties was not known.

In a flareup of ethnic unrest, members of the ethnic Turkish minority have been demonstrating since early May for restoration of their rights, including the use of the Turkish language in public.

An unspecified number of people were killed and injured in clashes, with demonstrators demanding the lifting of restrictions on religious rites and the

right to use their Turkish names they had to change to Slavic ones in a nation-wide campaign five years ago.

An exile Bulgarian source in Vienna told the Associated Press he had heard of heavy casualties in the town of Tolbuhin, some 60 kilometres (42 miles) north of Varna on May 28-29. But the report could not be independently verified.

A total of 187 ethnic Turks deported from Bulgaria arrived in Turkey today, the semi-official Anatolia News Agency reported.

It said 142 ethnic Turks were flown in from Vienna and a second group of 45 from Belgrade aboard special planes sent by the Turkish government.

The agency said the Turks kissed the ground upon arrival at Istanbul's Ataturk Airport and chanted "Down with Bulgarian oppression."

Siachen issue to be solved

NEW DELHI, May 31, (KUNA): India and Pakistan are expected to downplay the Siachen issue at their forthcoming talks in June and decide not to escalate tension in the area.

Official sources here today said the prime ministers of the two countries are keen to exchange visits and improve relations between the two nations.

Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi paid an official visit to Pakistan in December last year to attend the meeting of the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (SAARC) after Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto became the SAARC chairperson.

The sources said the talks between the defence secretaries of the two countries, scheduled to be held in mid-June, might focus on maintaining an "as-is-where-is" situation in Siachen.

The two sides will, instead, have discussions on the proposal for the "demilitarisation" of the area but are under pressure by their respective militaries not to downplay the issue which has cost "so much in terms of expenditure and sacrifices."

The "demilitarisation" proposal is being talked about since the two prime ministers met, in December. However, Pakistan has insisted that India go back to its 1972 position and discuss the matter under the Simla Agreement.

Reports here today said the prime ministers of the two countries will meet in July.

The two countries have decided to discuss the "demilitarisation" aspect in view of the enormous cost involved in deploying troops at a height of 18,000 feet and "where not a single blade of grass grows."

Tamils kill 5 Muslims

COLOMBO, May 31, (AP): Tamil militants ambushed a van in eastern Sri Lanka, shooting to death five Muslim merchants in it, the military and a Muslim leader said yesterday.

The attack occurred Monday near Maradummal village, 202 kilometres (126 miles) east of Colombo, and the gunmen belonged to an unidentified Tamil group, said a military spokesman, who cannot be identified under briefing rules.

"The traders were travelling unarmed when an armed group of men wearing military-style uniforms stopped them and shot everybody in the head," said Abdul Kalam, a spokesman of the opposition Sri Lanka Muslim Congress Party.

Week-long clashes between Tamils and Muslims earlier this month left at least 12 people dead and 700 houses damaged along the east coast.

London tube fire relatives upset

LONDON, May 31, (Reuters): Legal authorities said yesterday they would not bring criminal charges over a fire which killed 31 people at London's busiest underground station in 1987.

Firemen and victims' relatives criticised the decision by director of public prosecutions Allan Green not to charge London underground officials with manslaughter or endangering life by neglect because of lack of evidence.

But Green said the affair had been referred to the government's health and Safety Executive, which had the power to bring prosecutions if it saw fit.

Sophie Tarassenko, whose brother Ivan died in the blaze at King's Cross underground station in November 1987, expressed "bitter disappointment" at Green's announcement.

"We were hoping the director would take a chance on the facts in front of him and bring a prosecution. There is certainly plenty of negligence around," she said.

"Once again it shows that eminent people in positions of power and in good salaries seem on occasions to be beyond the law," said Dave Matthews, national officer of the Fire Brigades Union.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Greek elections

ATHENS, May 31, (Reuters): A jailed senior Greek official said today he wanted his name removed as a candidate in June's parliamentary elections to try to end a bitter dispute in the ruling Socialist Party.

Theofanis Tombras, head of the Greek Telecommunications Organisation (OTE), said he was withdrawing from the electoral list of the Panhellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK) led by Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu.

Nigeria riots

LAGOS, Nigeria, May 31, (AP): Authorities ordered the closure today of six campuses in the capital of Lagos, bringing to 13 the number of academic institutions closed throughout Nigeria since student riots started a week ago.

The state-controlled Daily Times newspaper today also said troops will guard all strategic installations in the country against demonstrators.

Mosaics lawsuit

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 31, (Reuters): A federal judge yesterday rejected an attempt by the Turkish republic of northern Cyprus to join a lawsuit seeking to wrest control of four sixth century Byzantine mosaics from an Indianapolis art dealer.

Car bomb attack

BOGOTA, Colombia, May 31, (AP): The head of Colombia's security police escaped injury yesterday in a powerful car bomb attack that killed one of his bodyguards, three passersby and wounded 30 more, authorities said.

Mandela's possible release

JOHANNESBURG, May 31, (AP): F.W. de Klerk, designated to become South Africa's next president, said yesterday he will discuss the possible release of Nelson Mandela when he meets British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher later this year.

Mexico plane crash

MEXICO CITY, May 31, (AP): A military plane crashed and burned in northern Mexico yesterday, killing all four people aboard, the government news agency reported.

The agency Noticias quoted military officials late yesterday as saying that the plane, an Arva 2002, crashed near the border of the northern states of Chihuahua and Sinaloa.

Major earthquake

WELLINGTON, May 31, (AP): A major earthquake shook the South Island today, a news report said.

The earthquake registered between 6.6 and 6.7 on the Richter scale, according to a preliminary reading, but there was no immediate report of damage or injuries.

84 die in typhoon

BEIJING, May 31, (AP): A typhoon which swept through southern China's Guangdong province last week claimed 84 lives and injured more than 260, the official China daily said today.

Typhoon Brenda caused 590 million yuan (\$159 million) worth of damage in 38 counties, the daily said, quoting the department of disaster and social relief under the Ministry of Civil Affairs.

Students suspend strike

WARSAW, May 31, (AP): Polish university students yesterday filed an appeal of a court decision that blocked legalisation of their independent, pro-Solidarity association, according to the state news agency.

The students also decided to suspend a week-long strike called to protest the denial of the registration bid of the banned independent students association, known by its initials in Polish, NZS.

Soviet corruption

MOSCOW, May 31, (Reuters): Corruption investigators whose probe led to the Kremlin now face criminal charges themselves, the Soviet Union's top prosecutor revealed today.

Prosecutor General Alexander Sukharev told the weekly Moscow News that a criminal case had been opened in addition to an already-announced official inquiry into the methods of two of the investigators, Telman Gdlyan and Nikolai Ivanov.

But he did not spell out the allegations.

Soviets outline rules

Quota, not too tight

MOSCOW, May 31, (Reuters): A Soviet spokesman indicated yesterday that a quota on British nationals in the Soviet Union, introduced after tit-for-tat spy expulsions, would not be applied as strictly as first believed.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov told a news conference that certain Britons and their Soviet support staff would be exempt from the quota of 205 imposed this month after each country expelled 11 of the other's nationals.

The quota, he said, would apply only to British diplomats and their Soviet support staff and British journalists accredited in Moscow. It would not apply to businessmen, Britons working in joint ventures with Soviet partners or Soviet support staff working for British firms—including news organisations.

Diplomatic sources said there were approximately 70 British and 100 Soviet staff at the embassy and about 20 Moscow-based British correspondents.

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Change in secondary schooling envisaged

43 summer clubs to open

MINISTER of Education Anwar Al Nouri said that results of the Secondary School Certificate exams will determine the first 50 outstanding students in both science and arts as well as the first 50 Kuwaitis.

From now, this has been the normal practice, the official said.

However, the ministry will reconsider the entire basis of the secondary educational system in Kuwait as of next year. "We intend to benefit from experiments of the course system being applied in some secondary schools," Nouri added.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Education has begun preparations to open its summer clubs this year. The Assistant Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Information and Students Affairs Abdul Mohsen Al Said needed a meeting of heads of the 43 summer clubs.

Summer clubs

He called on the heads to maintain utilities of schools that will be opened as summer clubs. The ministry will provide summer clubs with a large quantity of computers to be used in training members of the clubs. He called for concentrating on activities that attract members — specially practical activities. Last year the summer clubs offered courses of cooking (Saudi) and organised programmes to employ students



Anwar Al Nouri

during summer vacation in co-operation with the Civil Service Commission. Summer jobs will however be available for Kuwaitis only.

He went on to say that according to instruction of HH the Amir all summer clubs will be air-conditioned this year. The ministry has called for tenders to air-condition all primary schools and kindergartens which should be completed by the end of next August, the official said.

Summer clubs the world over are considered an integral part of the educational process of youth and Kuwait will spare no efforts in providing every facility and encouragement to the promulgation of such centres, the official said.

In a more direct reference to the importance of such facilities

in Kuwait, the official added: "Constructive channelling of energies of youth during their leisure hours will not only provide the basis for cultivating the finer qualities of students, but will tend to forge within them a sense of team spirit and social responsibilities."

He called on youth to avail of the facilities offered and to work in co-operation with their teachers and peers towards developing the activities of the summer clubs.

Problems

In a related development, the chairman of the Kuwait National Students Union at Kuwait University Muneed Al Zaferei has said that a delegation of students representing the administrative board has paid a visit to the university Rector Dr Abdul Mohsen Al Abdul Razzaq.

Discussions during the visit centred on the problems encountered by university students. These included the employment of foreign professors and the existing bottlenecks associated with the system.

Discussions also dealt with necessary amendments in the existing credit-hour system and the recommended reconsideration of the by-laws to be more flexible and to adequately reflect students' needs.

MEW to confine power cuts to affected areas

Staff performance to be optimised

By Fouzi Al Tamimi

THE undersecretary at the Ministry of Electricity and Water Abdulla Al Munaiyes has said that the ministry has taken careful measures to confine power-cuts caused by technical failures to the area proper.

He said the ministry's various power plants could meet all requirements, and that the maximum electrical load expected for this summer is 4200 megawatt.

The ministry had sought the help of foreign experts to handle unforeseen technical problems with the public power grid which

were caused by local power consumption patterns, Munaiyes said.

He added that the two recent national power cuts were the result of technical faults, and the only positive aspect about them was that they enabled the ministry to diagnose the existing techni-

cal weaknesses both in operation and staff performance. Special arrangements have been made to optimise staff performance and limit power cuts only to affected areas the ministry is closely following up the Iraqi water import project. This project is being given top priority due to its

proven feasibility and cost-effectiveness, Munaiyes said.

Special ministry committees have been formed to follow up consultant work in the respect and to approve the various stages of preliminary measures before the project can be put into operation, the official added.



Graduates at Ahmad Al Jaber Air Base

Pictured above are Kuwaiti pilots who graduated yesterday after a period of strenuous training on Skyhawk airplanes. At centre is Colonel Sabti Essa Bu Ghalib, commander of the Ahmad Al Jaber base.

Building renovations grace period expires June 6

Violators to be penalised

THE head of Buildings Renovation Department at Kuwait Municipality Osama Al Duaij was quoted as saying that the grace period which had been given to the owners of buildings for renovating and maintaining their buildings in the areas assigned by Kuwait Municipality expires on June 6, 1989.

In an interview with Al Seyassah, Duaij was quoted as saying that violators will be liable to penalties stipulated in the ministerial decision issued by the Minister of State for Municipality Affairs Mohammed Al Sayed Abdulmohsen Al Rifai.

Duaij has clarified that the decision will also be applied to real estate situated within the Capital Labour Area (A) and will also include the buildings situated along Tunis and Beirut streets in addition to the buildings located along Salem Al Mubarak and Hamad Al Mubarak streets at Salmiya Labour Office Area (A).

Compliance

Duaij added that a large number of owners of buildings situated in the referenced areas had communicated with Kuwait Municipality to carry out the necessary renovation while some others had already complied with the directives.

Article No. 35 of the Municipality Law provides for financial fines on violators. The municipality will take administrative and legal measures for the applying of article No. 24 of the Ministerial Decision concerned with the renovation of the buildings in residential areas which provides that the owners in the relevant areas should carry out the necessary renovations of their buildings in accordance with Kuwait Municipality specifications and during the period specified.

The article added that in case any owners failed to comply, the municipality reserves the right to carry out the required renovations works at any building at the expense of the owner.

The decision also applies to real estate belonging to the government and public institutions.

Special divisions

Meanwhile, the Public Relations Department at Kuwait Municipality said that a special division had been created for setting up of the necessary scheme for the handling and following up of the renovation process. The renovation process is to be implemented through two stages. The first aims at application of immediate solutions for correcting the current situation in principle, while the second will strive to find out the necessary solutions for old buildings and for buildings to be built in the future.

The head of department Naser Al Ayar said that the problem was sensitive and should be studied carefully.

He added that the renovation scheme had been started on March 6, 1989 and the municipality had adopted an informational campaign to highlight this issue through the press, radio and TV. The campaign had concentrated on the importance of the renovation process for citizens and the country in general.

Survey

Ayar said that following this informational campaign, the municipality had formed a team for field survey and for evaluating the buildings situated within the prescribed plan in order to define those buildings that called for renovation and maintenance.

Ministerial committee to finalise plans of university campus

By Hussein Salamah

A MEETING is scheduled for next Saturday to be held at the premises of the Ministry of Public Works to discuss various construction aspects of Kuwait University's proposed new buildings according to the daily Al Seyassah.

It added that the ministerial committee approved by Kuwait's Cabinet will attend the meeting. The committee comprises the Minister of Finance Jassem Al Khorafi, the Minister of Public Works, Abdulrahman Al Hourri, the Minister of Higher Education Dr. Ali Al Shamlan, the Minister of Planning Dr. Abdulrahman Al Awadi and the Minister of State for Municipal Affairs Mohammed Al Said Abdulmohsen Al Rifai.

The daily quoted the Minister of Finance Jassem Mohammed Al Khorafi as saying that the committee is empowered to study the new locations of the buildings and estimate construction costs.

Previously, the university's buildings were located at Al Sabah area. However, a new site has been proposed at Al Sabah area. Though a final decision in this connection has not been taken, it is probable that the new buildings will be at Al Sabah area, along the Sixth Ring Road, the daily said.

During Saturday's meeting,

the Minister of Higher Education Dr. Ali Al Shamlan will submit a comprehensive report on the prospective accommodation capacity of the new buildings, including the anticipated increase of future university students. The new university campus to be built has been one of the priority items on the agenda of the Minister of Higher Education, the daily disclosed.

It added that on completion, this facility will have been built on ultra-modern concepts comparable to any in the developed world and will contain state-of-the-art equipment.

The committee will also hear the Minister of Public Works Abdulrahman Al Hourri's explanation of the anticipated costs of the new buildings in order to set up the project's budget in co-ordination with the Minister of Finance Jassem Al Khorafi.

The current buildings of Kuwait University have proved inadequate to facilitate the admission of the increase in students. As a temporary measure, the university established an annex at several faculties including the Faculties of Commerce and Political Science, Education, Arts and Law.

HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister are paying special attention to this project in view of the important bearing the project has towards the development of education in the country, the daily said.

Keen competition in car market

DESPITE a sharp hike in car prices which has negatively affected automobiles sales, Kuwait still enjoys one of the highest rates of automobiles per capita in the world.

Interviewed by a local daily, a number of automobile agents said very sharp competition represented by intensive advertisements campaigns to attract new customers by discounts, low down payments, and long term installments is being resorted to by each agent to win a strong position in the market.

A number of agents warned of dangers represented by the direct imports of American automobiles which have been re-equipped and re-developed. They said that a number of agents entered the local automobile market without any previous experience and that customers have been in many instances cheated due to the inexperience of these dealers.

With the large expansion of direct importation of the highly demanded American automobiles, a number of agents called for organising this market to prevent cheating which leads to a loss of trust between agents and consumers.

Experience

They pointed out that Kuwait has nearly 300 used cars dealers who are direct importers, but most of them don't have enough experience to enter the market.

They stressed that other automobile agents who have stronger buying power companies with the high capital will be able to win bigger shares of the market. They pointed out that local customers pay no attention to the name of the agency, but are more attracted to better deals.

A number of agents indicated the growing importance of women as buying power in the new automobiles market. They said that women customers form at least 75 per cent of the sales of some models and types.

Increase

The boost in sales of cars to women shows that there are now more working and educated women in the country.

A major American automobile agent believes that the Japanese automobile share in the Kuwaiti market forms forty-three per cent, as opposed to 36 per cent American cars and 21 per cent European automobiles.

The same agent did not think that the rise of such unorganised car sales will affect new car agents due to the fact that these cars will soon lose trust in the market. He said that the negative effects of the growth in American commercial cars sales pheno-

mena did not appear yet due to the fact that this will require more time before they show any faults.

He said that the increase in the American automobiles prices since 1986 did not exceed 15 per cent. Japanese automobiles witnessed a 30 per cent increase in prices.

He indicated that they sometimes refuse to sell automobiles to some customers because they lack sound financial conditions. He added that increased turnover in the used cars market were due to the fact that more used cars dealers entered the market.

Kristina Hassan, the marketing manager of one major European automobile agent said that the number of European automobiles has increased 33 per cent since 1985 because of the rise of the value of foreign currencies. She pointed out that European cars have less sales than other automobiles because customers have not yet had enough experience with them. She pointed that the American eight cylinder cars have more popularity in Kuwait than the four cylinder European cars.

Regarding the market of European automobiles with prices not less than KD20,000, Kristina pointed that there is a clear market for these cars in Kuwait. Such buyers don't consider the price factor as essential when buying a car. Most European automobile buyers are interested in buying cars for values between KD4,000 and KD7,000.

Looks

The agent where Kristina works said that 70 per cent of automobiles sales of the company are for Kuwaiti buyers particularly women who form 50 per cent of this percentage.

Kristina believes that 1989 will witness a slight improvement in sales. She added that women buyers prefer the smoother look of automobiles and that the Japanese cars will represent a sharp competition.

From the view point of a Kuwaiti economic expert, the recession which began to take hold in Kuwait beginning in the 1980's has contributed in no small measure towards dismal performance of car sales in general.

The recession caused a slump of business activity, resulting in cuts in wages, loss of jobs, tight monetary conditions and contributed to a sense of insecurity among the large expatriate population. Coupled with this scenario, the increase in the exchange rate of the yen prompted prospective car purchasers to opt to purchasing second hand cars and in other cases, compelled owners with old cars to continue using them for as long as possible. The rise in the exchange rate of the US dollar does not augur well for the sale of American cars, the economist added.

Driving permits for disabled Arabs

DIRECTOR-GENERAL of the General Traffic Department Brigadier Abdul Hameed Al Hajji is paying special attention to applications for driving licence submitted by various disabled individuals of Arab nationalities according to a local daily.

Special arrangements will be taken to supply such applicants with the necessary authorisation, in keeping with their social and physical conditions, the paper added.

The paper meanwhile quoted official sources as saying that the department intends to reconsider the existing locations of bus stands and cab-stops with a view to rearranging these public stops, particularly in crowded and high traffic areas.

More financial support to GCC newspapers

MANAMA, May 31. (Agencies): GCC information ministers yesterday concluded a closed meeting, presided over by Bahraini Information Minister Tariq Al Moayed.

The Gulf News Agency said that the six ministers, in their 90-minute meeting, discussed a number of topics on the agenda.

The agency added that the meeting was attended by GCC Secretary-General Abdulla Yaquob Bisharah, his Assistant for Political Affairs Saif Bin Hashel Al Maskari and Director of the Information Department at the General Secretariat Dr. Abdulla Al Jasser.

A statement issued after the meeting said ministers also discussed what they called the detrimental impact made by some Arab newspapers published outside the Middle East.

Bisharah, said ministers welcomed diverse views but urged foreign reporters to respect the region's Islamic and cultural values.

The statement said ministers decided to provide more financial support to local newspapers and exempt GCC publications from customs duties to boost their circulation.

The ministers' conferred with Bahrain's deputy Amir Sheikh Hamad Bin Essa Al Khalifa, who expressed hope that the meeting would open "comprehensive and unified" co-operation channels and establish a strong base for exchanging information among the GCC member states.

They also met with Bahraini Premier Sheikh Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, on the occasion of holding the 4th conference for GCC information ministers.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Iraqi visas

KUWAIT, May 31. (KUNA): Director of the consulate department at the Foreign Ministry Jassem Mohammed Bahman has asked Kuwaiti nationals who obtain entry visas to visit Iraq to consult with the directorate of citizenship in the state, if they plan to stay there for more than 30 days.

Ship seized

A SHIP carrying cars to Kuwait arrived after a delay of several weeks due to the vessel being held up by authorities at a Gulf port for more than 11 days, according to reliable sources.

Information relayed to an Arabic daily by navigation sources attributed the seizure of the vessel to 120 US military trucks being on board destined for an Arab Gulf state.

The ship cancelled the rest of the scheduled tour to other Gulf ports and unloaded the cars and the rest of the consignment at Dubai port and immediately left for Japan.

Breakfast charity

ZAKAT HOUSE for the seventh successive year distributed breakfast in Kuwait during last Ramadan, according to the controller of local distribution at Kuwait Zakat House.

Eight catering companies were involved in the distribution of 134,336 meals at 49 mosques in different areas. About 4,478 persons benefitted from these meals daily, the official said.

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Pedestrian accidents on the increase in spite of bridges

STATISTICS indicate that on an average, at least 20 persons are victims of car accidents in Kuwait.

A local daily interviewed a number of pedestrians who do not use pedestrian bridges while crossing streets.

Samir Rasco Barsom said that he is

forced to cross the street despite the danger as there is no pedestrian facility at his area in front of the Holiday Inn Hotel. He added that he would use the pedestrian bridge if there was one available to avoid the possibility of being run over by a speeding vehicle.

Echoing Barsom's sentiments, Isam

Khodair another resident said that he sometimes rushed to cross the street to catch the bus. "Car drivers pay scant heed to the safety of pedestrians who cross express roads" he added.

Roohi Shakir Issa seen crossing the express road in front of the Holiday Inn

Hotel said he does not use the pedestrian bridge because it is far away from the bus stop. Officials should have built a bridge closer to the bus stop, he added.

Ahmad Fareed, another resident said that he does not use pedestrian bridges because he is old and cannot climb the steep stairs.

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Environment protection prime concern of Kuwait Municipality

ORGANIC wastes in Kuwait amount to 3,000 tons daily in addition to 700 tons of garbage collected from buildings. Total annual wastes from human activities amounts to 2,483,364 tons, according to a relevant study.

To highlight this issue, the daily Al-Sayassah interviewed the Head of the Environment Committee Sayah Bu Sheiba and Head of Wastes Burial Department at Kuwait Municipality Khalifah Al Tumayan.

Bu Sheiba said that garbage from buildings had increased in the last few years due to the increase in construction activities of the country. Hence the municipality had enacted several laws to protect the environment and obliged contractors to remove all

residual materials to the burial centres, the official said.

He added that the municipality had adopted several measures intended to benefit from the wastes, hinting that the official concerned had paid several visits to Europe and USA to familiarise himself with similar experiments in these countries. The Technical Bureau of the Minister of State for Municipal Affairs had studied this issue and had corresponded with a number of foreign embassies in order to obtain the necessary information about international methods for utilising waste.

Recycling
The municipality in the light of the data received has decided to recycle the wastes, and the relevant feasibility study will be conducted in order to

take the appropriate decision in this connection.

A study submitted by the Assistant Director for Health Affairs at Kuwait Municipality referred that the building materials constitute about 69 per cent of the country's wastes while house wastes were about 23 per cent.

The municipality has allocated four sites for wastes burial; one at Jebel Al Shiyukh, one at Jahra, one at Shuaiba and one at Sulabiya. The municipality is seeking better disposal methods the official said.

Speaking of solid wastes such as aluminium, glass, steel and copper, the official said that the municipality is planning to recycle these materials. He added that the available studies indicate that aluminium constitutes

one per cent of solid wastes.

Meanwhile, Khalifah Al Tumayan said that the wastes burial sites were receiving about 3,000 tons daily in addition to about 10,000 gallons of residual oil which comes to the relevant sites from garages and vehicles washing stations.

Replying to a question over how the municipality was disposing wastes, the official said that the municipality was getting rid of these wastes either by burial, incineration or through the drainage system after obtaining the approval of the Environment Protection Council.

Over the possibility of benefit from wastes, the official said there is a strong trend at the Municipality to benefit from wastes. The authorities concerned

are working to realise this objective. He clarified that the Kuwait Industrial Investments Company is currently studying the possibility of utilising organic wastes to be converted into organic manure to serve agricultural purposes.

He disclosed that the Municipality is currently collecting scrap water tanks and shall offer it in an auction for the industrial companies for recycling. About 500,000 tanks have been collected so far. The municipality and in co-operation with the Environment Protection Council are studying the possibility of utilising old tyres, he added.

"Replying to a question on how the municipality is dealing with chemical wastes, the official said that the mun-

icipality is currently planning to allocate a new site at Mutreba area for burying chemical wastes.

In this context, the official said that a committee had been formed recently to implement relevant proposals drawn up for organising chemical materials imports.

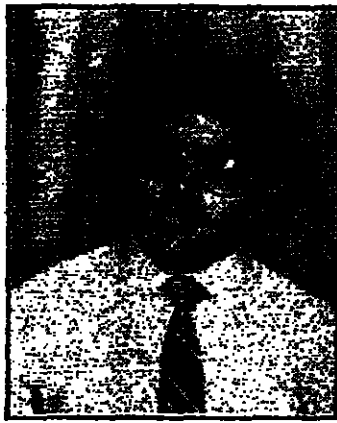
Conditions

The committee is empowered to set up the necessary conditions for the warehousing of the chemical materials in addition to setting up of the necessary criterion and measures to be followed for the transporting or destroying of such materials. He added that the said committee groups in its membership representatives from Kuwait Municipality, Environment Protection Council, Public Authority for

Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources, Ministry of Oil, Fire Brigade Department, Criminal Evidence Department, Customs Department, Petrochemical Industries Company (PIC), Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR), Ministry of Public Health, Ministry of Commerce and Industry and Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Over the soundness of the burying process, Tumayan said that the process is 100 per cent safe. The municipality has selected remote areas away from populated zones. He added that the waste sites could benefit the country's afforestation plan in the future.

New Indian School maintains success record



Khalid Ismael Patel



Diahann Dias



M.K. Fouzia

THE New Indian School has maintained its record of hundred per cent success in the All India Senior School Certificate Examinations held in March this year.

In the science batch of 41 students, two pupils — M.K. Fouzia (91%) and Khalid Ismael Patel (90.5%) — scored an aggregate of over 90 per cent. Of the 41 students, 39 got first division and two others received over 59 per cent marks. The students who scored over 85% aggregate are: Renuka, Rita, Justin, Cockoo, Kurian, Sunil and Preethi.

They secured a total of 101

distinctions in individual subjects; 60 to 70 per cent of students scored a distinction with over 75 per cent marks.

In the commerce batch of 40, 30 students secured first class; Diahann Dias scored an aggregate of 83 per cent. A total of 30 distinctions were scored.

The highest scores in various subjects were scored by M.K. Fouzia (English: 89%); Justin and Kurian (mathematics: 97%); Khalid, Justin, Sunil (physics: 94%); Sam Mathai (chemistry: 96%); Fouzia and Khalid (biology: 97%); Deepa (French: 87%); Shihab (commerce: 81%); and Diahann (accountancy: 86%).

Amnesty striving to increase membership

Human rights protection universal duty: Othmani

By Jadranka Porter
Arab Times staff

AMNESTY International, the London-based human rights organisation, is trying to increase its membership and strengthen its operation in Kuwait, the only Gulf state with Amnesty groups, that offer moral and material support to prisoners of conscience and their families.

Ahmed Othmani, Amnesty's liaison officer for the Middle East, is now in Kuwait to instruct some fifty members operating in five groups on how to set up new groups, step up fund-raising, use human resources and work within the limits of Amnesty mandate. According to Amnesty's rules its groups can only appeal cases and render support to prisoners and their families in other countries.

Othmani called for a release of all prisoners of conscience and reminded the UN member countries that they are bound to do so by the UN charter.

Protection
He said the organisation would like to see more people in the Gulf and elsewhere in the Third World join the human rights movement.

"Protection of human rights is a universal duty and not only the prerogative of the West. We have to play a more important role in the Third World. Only people in



Ahmed Othmani

these countries can help their fellow citizens," Othmani told the Arab Times.

Human rights records, he said, sometimes offer a distorted picture as countries that provide the required information show a higher number of human rights abuses than those that are closed.

The organisation receives information from its fact-finding missions, media, prisoners' families and former prisoners but he stressed that Amnesty rejects secrecy and operates in the open. Its strength is in its reliability, Othmani stressed.

Although it has individual members in Bahrain, the UAE and North Yemen only Kuwait has set up groups, mainly run by women.

Vetted
The first group was formed in 1985 while others, established recently have not fully developed their operation.

The groups' task is to promote Amnesty's objectives which include the immediate and unconditional release of prisoners of conscience, fair and prompt trial of all political prisoners and abolition of the death penalty, torture and other forms of inhuman treatment of all prisoners.

Each group "adopts" cases in another country, seeks their release and offers financial and moral support to prisoners' families.

Each group is strictly vetted to make sure it is not manipulated by political or charitable organisations. Amnesty International is a non-government and non-political organisation.

It has a membership of 700,000 in 150 countries. Out of Amnesty's 42 sections, formed by more than two groups, 24 are based in the Third World. In the Middle East groups have been set up in Egypt, Morocco, Algeria, Jordan and Sudan. Tunisia is the only Middle East country that has an Amnesty section.

BAHRAIN DIGEST

Decline in oil prices will affect demand

DECLINE of oil prices towards the end of this year will lead to the overall reduction in both world consumption and demand for oil, a top Bahrain based Gulf economist has forecast.

Dr Henry Azzam, chief economist at Gulf International Bank (GIB), told the Arab Times in an interview that the role of the world oil prices will be significantly affected by British crude production in the next six months. He said the 'return' of UK oil production of 400,000 barrels per day from the current half level in this quarter of the year will pose a 'problem' in generating demand and increasing the price-structure.

According to Dr Azzam the stability of oil prices will depend on two factors. A strong economic growth worldwide and reduction in OPEC production will boost better consumption and demand for oil.

Average

"As the UK returns to full production there will be signs of economic slowdown in Britain and the USA. We can expect a downpressure on oil prices of later stages," said Azzam.

The economist further forecast that world oil prices will eventually average about \$17 per barrel during 1989. He said the price of oil at present average \$16.5 per barrel a significant improvement over the 1988 average of \$13.5.

Council reviews special report

KUWAIT, May 31, (KUNA): The Civil Commission Council has reviewed a special report on disengagement among government offices and decided to give priority in the process to government agencies that render direct services to the public.

The disengagement was discussed in a council meeting yesterday chaired by council head, State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashid Abdul Aziz Al Rashid.

Rashid said in a statement today it was agreed that senior administrators would meet on June 10, in the presence of ministers who had chaired previous meetings of two groups of administrators. Launching new training programmes for Kuwaiti graduates at government ministries was also discussed by the council, he said.

Traffic police to crack down on violators

THE General Director of the General Traffic Department, Brigadier Abdul Hameed Haji Abdul Rahoon met yesterday morning with department directors, their assistants, section heads and department officers at the department building.

Review

Brigadier Haji started the meeting with a welcoming speech which he praised the role of officers in preserving security. He stressed that despite the efforts of the General Traffic Department, the country witnesses many traffic accidents that cause death to humans daily. He added that Kuwait's roads are excellent, but bad driving causes the majority of accidents.

Brigadier Haji explained that

the department work plan during the current stage will depend on the co-operation of all. He pointed out that each department will hold a daily meeting for workers to review work conditions.

He stressed the importance of preserving discipline on roads and urged traffic men to be decisive with violators. He said that full authority for withdrawing driving licenses of violators will be granted to traffic department directors.

Brigadier Haji stressed the importance of field work. He pointed out that office work should not exceed 10 per cent of total traffic duties.

He concluded his speech by saying that all officers must be available at roads during peak hours.

KD 500m tunnel project planned

DIRECTOR of the Execution Department of Sanitary Engineering of the Ministry of Public Works, Waleed Naser has said that the ministry is planning to implement the tunnels project specially to handle the country's sewage. He pointed out that the tunnels will be built at 20 metres underground depth with a radius ranging from 2.5 to 3.5 metres each.

In a statement made to Al-Sayassah, he explained that the project includes two tunnels, the first stretching from Kuwait City until Shuaiba area and the second from the west of Kuwait until Jahra City.

He described the project as huge and vital to the country and said that with this project all sewage pumping stations will nearly be obsolete. The tunnels will also eliminate the bad odours people have been complaining about.

He pointed out that the project will cost KD500 million and is charted for completion in five years.

Kuwait's sewage network is 5,000 kilometres long. He added that the ministry has completed initial studies of the project. The ministry will soon send a team of engineers to visit Egypt which has long experience in this field.

Power failure clarification

THE General Manager of Siemens/NGECCO requested the following clarification to the article published 30.05.89 on power failure which was incorrectly interpreted. He denied having said that the power

failure was caused by overload or by inadequate equipment of the National Control Centre. Causes and reasons of the power failure are under investigation by the Ministry of Electricity and Water.

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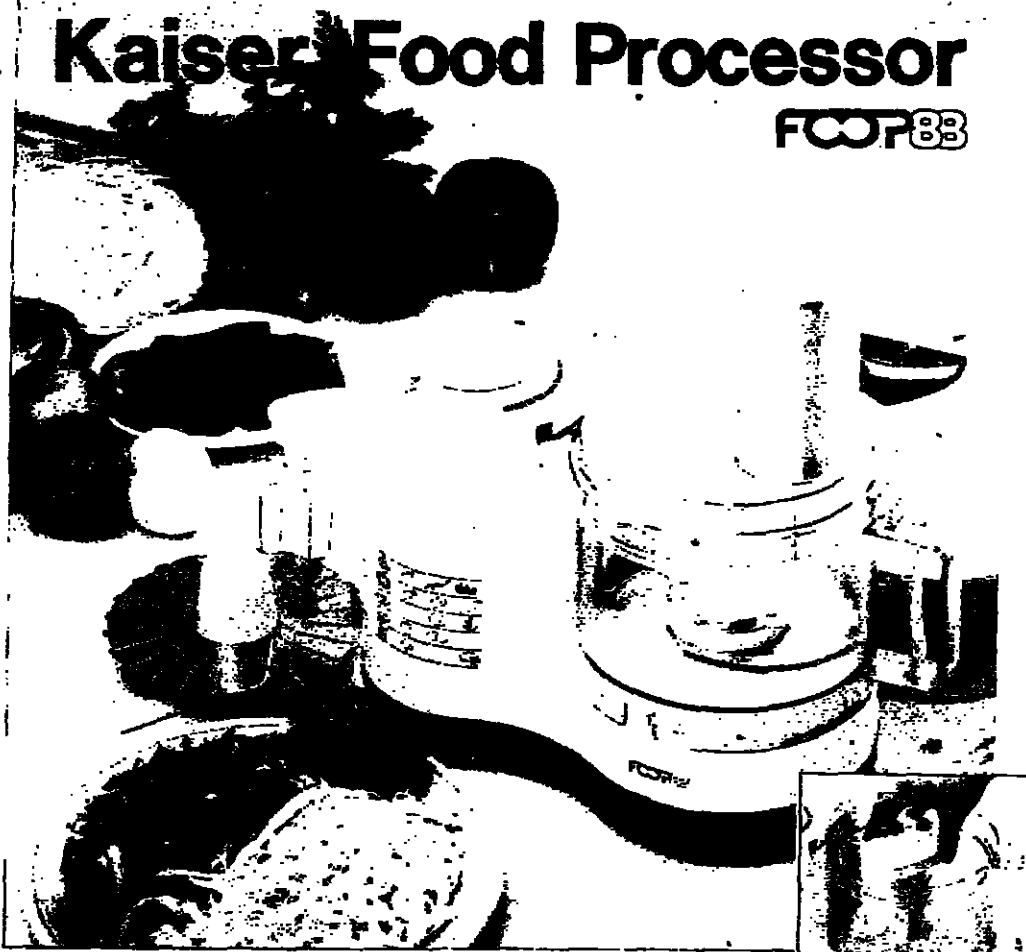
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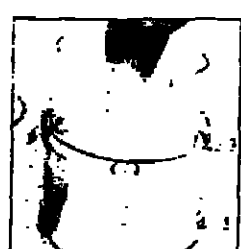
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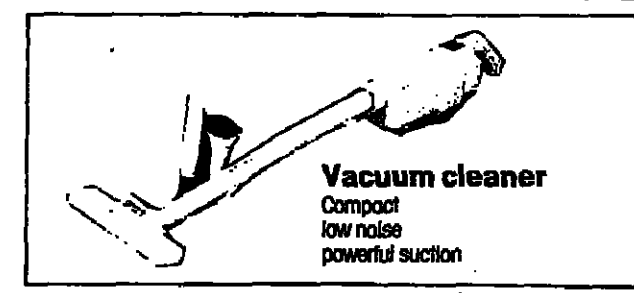
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Thought for today

THE lowest and vilest alleys of London do not present a more dreadful record of sin than does the smiling and beautiful countryside — Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, English writer (1859-1930).

Non-EEC members worry about future

By Timothy Aeppel

EUROPEAN Economic Community has many of its closest neighbours sweating.

As the EEC moves to erase internal borders after 1992, those outside the fringes of the 12-member grouping worry that they'll lose their ability to attract foreign investments and get cut off from what is soon to be the West's largest integrated market.

The economies are simple. Why should a Japanese firm build a computer plant in non-EEC Austria, when it can plunk its money and machines into West Germany and gain access to half the continent in the process?

The Austrians aren't waiting to find out the answer to that one. They're expected to apply for EEC membership this summer. Others could follow.

Indeed, the 1992 project has thrown the entire European Free Trade Association or EFTA — which unites Austria with five other non-EEC European countries — into a near-crisis.

"We have to prove — and rather soon — that we're still a viable alternative to EEC membership," says Hansjorg Renk, a spokesman for the Geneva-based association, whose members all have long-standing free-trade agreements with the EEC.

EFTA was created in 1960 as a direct response to the forming of the EEC, bringing together countries who for political reasons couldn't join the more extensive common market. EFTA focuses on creating free trade among its members and with the EEC within the framework established by the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. While the EEC is a custom union, with unified external tariffs, EFTA members set tariffs independently against countries outside the association.

Renk says EFTA and the EEC have drawn up a list of 30 areas, including culture and the environment, where the hope to forge closer links. "But EFTA won't transform itself into a mini-EEC," he says. Indeed, the association has always had problems acting as a group. Members have little in common — other than an aversion to membership in the much larger EEC.

Britain, Denmark, and Portugal are all founding EFTA members who later switched to the EEC. Others joined the group in the meantime, keeping the total number of EFTA countries nearly steady. Three current members — Sweden, Norway, and Finland — often feel closer to one another as Scandinavians than they do to the Swiss, Austrians, and Icelanders.

The policy of East-West neutrality adhered to by most EFTA countries also poses a problem. Nations such as Switzerland and Sweden, although deeply meshed in global trade, still have trouble cooperating too closely with their neighbours, especially if this means going together with the pro-Western EEC. Austria is neutral, but officials there's no conflict with EEC membership.

"It's not possible to become a member (of the EEC) without staying neutral — then we'll have to give up trying to join," says one Austrian official.

With Austria edging toward the EEC, a push is on inside EFTA to make the group a more effective partner for the increasingly integrated Community. EFTA countries began formally meeting with the EEC only in 1984, as a result of EEC plans for a single European market.

After 1992, the Community plans to have unified standards for goods and services as well as freedom of movement for workers and students within the 12 EEC countries. For a Swedish company like SAAB, for example, full EEC integration could mean that the company will have no direct say in setting auto emission standards or other specifications that affect its industry within this market.

Jacques Delors, president of the EEC Commission, has told EFTA it has to start speaking with one voice, if it hopes to gain influence with the Community. Even then, the EEC has told all outsiders that they shouldn't expect the full benefits of membership.

Meanwhile, the economic ripples of 1992 are even reaching the countries of Eastern Europe — where COMECON, the East bloc's trading alliance, is also scrambling for closer ties to the Community. A recent trade pact between Hungary and the EEC, for instance, gives Hungary an unprecedented opening to export food and industrial products to Western Europe.

Some European trade officials see a pattern emerging in which the EEC sits at the core of concentric circles of trading partners — with the EFTA nations tied most closely to the EEC, while East Europeans and other non-EEC neighbours form looser links through bilateral deals.

"The Hungarians are openly talking about joining the EEC, and the Yugoslavians are talking about stronger links to EFTA," says Renk, the EFTA spokesman.

Indeed, some analysts say economic reforms in the East are giving all Europeans more options. In the past, for example, the Soviets have spoken out against Austrian membership in the EEC, citing that nation's 1955 pledge of "permanent neutrality." Recently, however, the Soviets have toned down their position.

"Some even say the Soviets want Austria inside the EEC," says one European diplomat, since that nation's position in Central Europe could make it a useful economic bridge between East and West.

Still, deciding to join the EEC is only the start of a long process. Community officials in Brussels have said they don't to wrangle over new memberships until they've sorted through the problems of economic integration, presumably pushing off such matters until after 1992.

There's also the problem of Turkey, which has already put in a bid for EEC membership. Many experts say the Turkish application will be turned down, but they worry that this might cause deep resentment if other nations, such as Austria, are accepted in the same stroke.

As a result, Austria isn't expected to gain a seat at the EEC table before the mid-1990s, at the earliest. And other non-EEC European countries seeking admission wouldn't gain a spot until much later.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1524 — Peasants' revolt in southern Germany begins.
- 1562 — Holy Roman Emperor Ferdinand I and Sultan of Turkey, Suleiman I, sign truce.
- 1664 — War breaks out between England and Holland in the colonies and at sea.
- 1671 — Turkey declares war on Poland.
- 1695 — Polish Army scores impressive victory over the Tartars.
- 1733 — St Croix (Santa Cruz) in West Indies comes under Danish control.
- 1857 — Britain's royal navy destroys Chinese fleet in China Sea.
- 1869 — New Spanish constitution is promulgated, continuing the monarchy.
- 1883 — France launches war against Madagascar.
- 1952 — United National Party under Dudley Senanayake wins Ceylon elections.
- 1973 — Greece's premier George Papadopoulos abolishes Greek monarchy.
- 1975 — Police in white-ruled African nation of Rhodesia kill 11 blacks in clash with rioters in Salisbury.
- 1976 — Syrian force, estimated at 4,000 troops and 200 tanks, invades Lebanon and captures Christian and Muslim positions as it advances on Beirut in attempt to halt 14-month civil war.
- 1987 — Lebanon's Prime Minister Rashid Karami is killed when time bomb planted in attaché case explodes in his lap aboard helicopter.
- 1988 — Soviet government bars foreigners from traveling to Armenia, where demonstrations continue in ethnic dispute.

NATO leaders part in relative harmony

By Patrick Worsnip

NATO entered its 40th anniversary summit this week badly divided over nuclear policy, under pressure from a Soviet disarmament drive, and uncertain about the leadership qualities of US President George Bush.

Somewhat to its own surprise, the Western military alliance emerged on Tuesday with a dramatic new troop-cut proposal promoted by Bush, a detailed arms control strategy and a compromise on tactical nuclear missiles (SNF).

NATO diplomats were relieved as the two-day summit broke up in relative harmony.

"Two days ago I was betting on no agreement on short-range forces and no comprehensive concept," one said, referring to a 17-page treaty issued to lay out its policy towards the Eastern bloc.

As the leaders of NATO's 16 states headed home, the chief outcome appeared to be the marking out of a clear path for the future that would include negotiations with the East on both conventional and nuclear arms.

But it was evident that the deal patched up on SNF had been bought with major compromises, mainly by Britain and the United States, and had not truly bridged a wide gap between them and West Germany on the future of nuclear deterrence.

Washington and London had already given up hope, in the face of stiff opposition from Bonn, of deciding at the summit to modernise NATO's SNF arsenal, consisting of 88 lance missile launchers ranged against some 1,450 similar Soviet systems.

That decision has now been postponed until 1992.

This week they also agreed that negotiations with Moscow to reduce SNF could take place once the current Vienna negotiations on East-West conventional force cuts had reached agreement, although no missiles would go until those cuts were completed.

This did not fully meet Bonn's demand that the talks should open as soon as possible to get rid of a class of weapon it sees as threatening mainly German territory.

But West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher was still able to say: "this brings NATO from an obligation to modernise without negotiating to an obligation to negotiate without modernising."

The United States and Britain, which until recently had argued that to begin talks at all would lead inevitably down a slippery slope of total SNF abolition, suddenly began to stress that the new NATO line allowed only for partial reductions.

"Now we have at least got one foot nailed to a particular bit of the floor and that bit of the floor says 'no zero'," one British official explained.

The Americans and British also underlined that the documents issued on Tuesday said that some short-range missiles would be needed "for the foreseeable future," this ruling out their complete elimination. "Just look what they've signed up to," British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said of the West Germans. Bush said: "Partial is partial and to try to interpret it some other way misses the boat."

But West German officials said the summit texts did not exclude total abolition in the long run, and Italian Prime Minister Ciriaco De Mita took a similar view.

NATO Secretary-general Manfred Woerner, a former West German Defence Minister, declined to elaborate on the NATO statements.

Most delegations agreed that Bush's conventional arms proposal — providing for big troop and aircraft cuts in Europe and a target period of six to twelve months to wrap up the Vienna talks — had eased the SNF dispute considerably.

It had enabled NATO to show that it was responding in kind to a stream of arms control offers from Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, and allowed West Germany to tell its pro-disarmament public that the alliance had a plan ready.

"What Genscher set himself as a target was an arms control perspective," a British official said. "He has secured that."

The new US President was also able to show that, having put US-Soviet relations on hold for four months while he reviewed foreign and defence policy, he was now ready to pick up the detente-baton of his predecessor Ronald Reagan.

Allied leaders praised Bush's performance at the summit, but Thatcher, in a rare note of discord, indicated she thought his aim of ending the Vienna force cut talks in six or 12 months was unrealistic.

Thatcher's 'convictions' visible everywhere in Britain

By Julian Baum

"It must be a 'conviction' government," Margaret Thatcher announced when she took office on May 4, 1979.

"As prime minister, I couldn't waste time having any internal arguments," she said.

Ten years later, the results of Thatcher's convictions are visible everywhere in Britain. Widely imitated abroad and hotly debated at home, her policies have brought changes that even her critics say cannot be undone.

There is little in British life she has not touched. With rock-solid convictions, she has insisted that the principles of the free market and the advantages of private enterprise are the engines of social and economic progress. Preaching the value of hard work, self-discipline, and thrift, she has made respectable the spirit of capitalism that was once an embarrassment to the British establishment and to her own Conservative Party.

Once asked what she had changed in Britain, she replied, "Everything."

"Mrs Thatcher with her radicalism has put to shame the left wing of the (opposition) Labour Party by tearing down the status quo," says Denis Kavanagh, professor of politics at Nottingham University and author of a book on the Thatcher years. "She believes in social engineering to a greater extent than any Labour government."

With a leadership style that appears as abrasive as it is decisive, Thatcher has subdued militant trade-union leaders, returned nation-

Major compromises by US and UK



George Bush: his proposals for troop reductions in Europe were warmly welcomed

Newly-assertive NATO partner

West-German success in high-stake game

By Tom Heneghan

WEST GERMANY, once the most co-operative of the Western allies, has shown it is prepared to bring NATO to a crisis to defend its own interests.

In the run-up to the organisations 40th birthday summit, Bonn met stiff opposition as it pushed for new military thinking to reflect the view of those West Europeans who no longer see a threat, from the Soviet led-Warsaw pact.

Despite last-minute wrangling over the communiqué, the NATO leaders adopted arms-control proposals that went much further than expected in response to Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's disarmament drive.

It was West Germany's first major challenge to the 16-member alliance. Chancellor Helmut Kohl could not hide his satisfaction at seeing the high-stakes poker game go his way.

"This is an excellent birthday present," he declared, exuding a confidence he has not shown in weeks.

Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, often portrayed by critics as a pious piper

leading NATO towards a disarmament disaster, looked equally pleased after escaping the possible tag as the man who spoiled NATO's 40th birthday party.

He welcomed the deal with a typically complex remark, saying that it took NATO "from an obligation to modernise without negotiating to an obligation to negotiate without modernising."

"Just look at the progress the Germans have made in the past week," one French delegate said. "It's extraordinary."

"Genscher has won at all levels," another impressed delegate from Paris commented.

Kohl and Genscher, who deployed NATO's Cruise and Pershing II missiles in 1983 against fierce domestic opposition, opened a rift in the alliance when they came out against installing new short-range nuclear arms (SNF) in the mid-1990s.

The policy switch was a response to electoral losses earlier this year and a rising public discontent about SNF missiles, seen as arms that kill only East and West Germans.

With an eye on next year's general elections, Kohl's centre-right coalition demanded early East-West talks on reducing SNF arsenals and a delay in any decision to update

NATO's ageing Lance missiles. Washington and London immediately rejected SNF talks as a dangerous and slippery slope towards Moscow's goal of a denuclearised Europe and called for a clear pledge by NATO that it would not support a full ban on all atomic weapons.

Against Bonn's initial expectations, US President George Bush rose to the challenge with Monday's arms offer to Moscow, including a 20 per cent cut in US combat troops stationed in Europe.

"The Americans have basically come round to our way of thinking," one West German official said. The final communiqué opened the door for SNF talks in a year, later than Bonn had demanded but soon enough to be acceptable.

NATO also put off until 1992 any decision on whether it should install any new SNF missiles, which West German voters seem certain to oppose in overwhelming numbers.

"This leaves us completely free," a West German delegation member said. "We can live with this comfortably."

Kohl and Genscher also made sure NATO shared the growing concern by Germans about the post-war division of their country.

alized industries to private hands, and led damaging assaults on the Welfare State. She has something muzzled the press, argued with the Church of England, and lectured neighbouring countries about the future of Europe.

To her admirers, Thatcher is a national saviour who has wrought an economic miracle at home and restored Britain's reputation abroad by restoring common-sense values to public practice. Her followers insist she has spread widely the benefits of Britain's new prosperity, noting that there are now more stockholders than labour-union members and that the level of home ownership is at a historic high.

To her critics, she is an authoritarian figure who, like France's Charles de Gaulle, has tried to compensate for Britain's decline and the loss of empire by asserting an old-fashioned nationalism and displaying a dictatorial manner which has exploited the weaknesses in Britain's parliamentary system of government. She is held accountable for a new coarseness and acquisitiveness in British life. Despite a steady rise in average income, critics point to a widening gap between rich and poor.

Some of those who have worked closely with the prime minister say that the caricature of her leadership style, popularized in the television programme "Spitting Image," is inaccurate.

"The 'Spitting Image' theory of Thatcher's leadership — bawling out ministers and bashing them over the head with her handbag — is grossly unfair," says David Willets, a policy adviser and director of a conservative think tank, the Centre for Policy Studies.

But other colleagues have said her work style is assertive and overbearing. William Whitelaw, former deputy prime minister and

close political colleague, told the Times of London. "Perhaps she uses her feminine charms more abroad than she uses them at home." Lord Whitelaw said that Thatcher enjoys the company of those with whom she can argue, and that, contrary to another caricature of her work style, she does not surround herself with people who always agree with her.

Thatcher's strong point, Willets says, is that she is single-minded and never loses sight of ultimate goals. "What she's brilliant at is taking a practical policy and measuring it against long-term objectives," he said.

Soon after Thatcher came to power, Britain passed through its "winter of discontent." A breakdown in public services, labour unrest, high inflation, and industrial decline had brought national morale to a new low point.

"Britain had reached an economic and social equivalent of Dunkirk, and Thatcher created a mood for national recovery like that of wartime," says Willets.

Most of her first Cabinet members, only four of whom still hold that post, did not share her radicalism, however. She quickly began to sort out "us" "them," a distinction she continues to make, according to colleagues, to separate wavering followers from those she can trust.

Crisis
Her first crisis was the budget of 1981, when unemployment was rising to levels unseen since the 1930s; then followed the Falklands war. Both were turning points in her leadership, according to scholars.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kudos to AT reporter

SIR: Kudos to Fathima Ahmed for her in-depth, investigative report on the erratic wage structure of the private sector (AT 31-5-89). She seems to have left no points untouched and through a systematic approach has exposed the facts in their true perspective — a disappointing scenario many an expatriate has been silently witnessing, ever since the recession set in or even before.

I only wish that this would be an eye-opener to the exploitation-minded private sector employers, persuading them to care a little bit for the welfare of those Third World expatriates, who by circumstances have been forced to come here to eke a livelihood, by toiling in almost all fields on meagre wages and braving gross disparities.

Fathima Ahmed's factual reports, consistent with journalistic ethics, have always been investigative, realistic and make interesting reading. I look forward to many more courageous contributions from her of a similar nature upholding common causes that are generally taken for granted, unnoticed and uncared for.

Your 'Legal Clinic' also is proving to be excellent and quite beneficial to the expatriate community. A lot of misleading information and interpretations presented by whimsical 'mandopos' are shattered by this column. Indeed, this is a much-awaited and useful service to the readers. You certainly deserve congratulations for initiating such a popular feature and also for the improved general layout and extra news items. 'AT' is now worth its purchase price.

C.K. Satyara
Safat

Unanswered questions

SIR: Thank you for having the courage to print details of the abuse that foreign workers, particularly maids receive in Kuwait. It is not easy for any country to admit it's shortcomings. Your report, 'Maid Acquitted' Page 5, AT Saturday May 27 did however leave several unanswered questions: Did the maid receive the salary she was cheated out of? Did the maid's employers face a penalty for bringing a false charge in court? Did the maid's employers face a penalty for lying in court? Many people would like to hear these answers.

particularly those of us who are returning to our own countries and to the inevitable questions of friends and family about life in Kuwait.

Bruce Beard,
Salmiya.

Speedy justice

SIR: I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to the Salmiya Consumer Protection Department and to Mr Abdullah Saleh Haddad in particular.

I recently had cause to visit this department following a dispute with a jeweller in Salmiya. The visit to the jewellery shop was a very nasty experience, as they destroyed a sentimental item belonging to me and then blamed me for causing the damage.

After explaining my problem to one of the department's inspectors, he accompanied me back to the shop where he questioned the salesmen.

Despite the salesmen being unco-operative, losing their temper and trying to provoke me, the inspector stayed calm and requested their trading licence and their presence at the department's Salmiya office.

After this the staff of the department lost no time in getting to the root of the problem

and demanding suitable compensation for myself.

The concern and professionalism shown by the Consumers Protection Department is underlined by the fact that this whole episode took only forty minutes. I am convinced that if this problem had occurred in Europe or elsewhere it would have taken many months before it was settled.

B. Loughran
Jabriya

Deeply hurt

SIR: The Satanic Verses, a joint venture of Rushdie/Viking, backed and fully supported by the authorities, have deeply hurt the feelings of Muslims all over the world.

Muslims are profoundly shocked to find in the novel the most unredemptable caricatures of the revered personalities they hold in the highest esteem.

The publication of such absurdities is an insult to human dignity, decency and position. It increases prejudice, ignorance and makes the existing gap between various

religions wider.

Vulgar attacks on any society's revered personalities, its sacred literature and religious belief, whether it is of Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism, Hinduism or Islam, must be banned forever.

Muslims of the world must appeal to all people of faith to sympathetically understand their deep grief and seriously consider their objections and must support their demand to ban the book.

Muslims must plan positive action, spreading an awareness of true Islam and the true personality of our Prophet (PBUH), his companions, his family and his message.

Sultan Ahmed Ali
Salmiya.

Have sympathy on commuters

SIR I very much appreciate the expansion works being done on the new Gazali Road near the Gazali Bridge. At the same time people who depend only on KPTC buses are facing an inconvenience. For example people working nearby in the Mustafa Karam/Mercedes establishments and so on, have to walk in the hot sun for at least 20 minutes to reach the bus stop and then

cross the pedestrian bridge to catch Bus No. 29 and 507 which is at present positioned near Al Babtain.

It would be very much appreciated if the authorities constructed another bus stop in front of the Animal Health Centre near the Gazali Bridge. This would be beneficial to many people.

P.T.
Safat, Kuwait

Keep it up, Fathima

SIR: Private sector employees in Kuwait are highly impressed and enlightened by Ms Fathima Ahmed's article entitled, 'Whims rule as pay structure erratic' dated May 31, '89. Accept our congratulations on bringing out such a superb feature. We look forward to seeing more and more articles for the uplift of wages of private sector employees. You are the light of our life.

Private sector
employees in Kuwait.

ALL letters to the Editor must contain the writer's name and address. Publication is at the discretion of the Editor and letters are subject to the editing process for space or other reasons.

مكتبة الأصل

Jerusalem will never be divided, Israeli leaders vow

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 31. (AP) Israel yesterday began renovating an abandoned section of this disputed city that once marked the border between the Jewish and Jordanian zones and government officials vowed Jerusalem will never again be divided.

"I say to the nation that despite the weakness both within and abroad... and also from some of my dear friends, Jerusalem will

remain one until the end of time," said Housing and Construction Minister David Levy at the cornerstone-laying ceremony.

Levy spoke facing the ancient walls of the old city. Behind him were the crumbling buildings of the deserted Mamilla quarter.

He is an outspoken critic of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's peace initiative that envisions Palestinian elections and limited autonomy in the occupied West Bank and

Gaza Strip.

The proposal does not clearly state whether the 140,000 Arab residents of East Jerusalem will be permitted to participate in the vote.

Levy is one of the leaders of a hardline group that opposes the plan within Shamir's right-wing Likud bloc. He has said that if the plan is implemented the United States will pressure Israel to include Arab residents of

Jerusalem in the elections, which will lead to the eventual redrawing of the city.

The United States and other Western nations have not recognised Israel's sovereignty over the eastern part of the city, which the Jewish state has declared its capital. The PLO has long demanded that East Jerusalem form the capital of a Palestinian state.

Before Israel captured Arab East Jerusalem and the West Bank in the 1967 Middle East war, Mamilla marked the border between the two sides of Jerusalem. The area's central district featured a large, stone wall to protect Jewish residents from Jordanian snipers.

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek said the reconstruction project will transform the dilapidated Mamilla quarter from a barrier

between the Jewish and Arab quarters of the city, into a vibrant Jewish districts.

The \$250 million project provides for 200 middle-class apartments, a posh hotel, an upscale shopping district and a complex of theatres in the 28.5-acre district. The project will be managed by the British-based Ladbroke group, which is also building two hotels in Mamilla.

Intifada videos document uprising

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 31. (Reuters) Alongside the usual action thrillers and B-movies, video shops in Arab East Jerusalem are discreetly offering new fare — intifada videos.

These are films of the Palestinian uprising rarely seen on state-owned Israeli Television.

In towns, villages and refugee camps in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, Palestinians with hand-held video cameras are filming clashes and marches where the Army bars network television crews.

Palestinians have come to realise the impact of pictures which have drawn international sympathy for their 17-month rebellion against Israeli occupation.

Amateur cameramen are increasingly supplying videotapes of protests and secret paramilitary marches of the Palestinian "Popular Army" to foreign news networks and PLO leaders abroad, activists said.

Videos were smuggled to PLO headquarters to prove the paramilitary units existed and to back requests for money.

"There is a growing awareness of the power and importance of pictures," said Palestinian journalist Daoud Kuttab. "But there are not enough people who understand that power."

Patriotic

Intifada video is a patriotic service for some, a business for others.

Ahmed, a cameraman in the West Bank, said taking pictures of demonstrations was his contribution to the intifada.

"I don't throw stones. I feel like I am doing something for the people," Ahmed said. He added Palestinians tended to respect only those who were injured or imprisoned in the uprising.

Hisham, who works regularly for foreign television, said he shoots for professional experience and for the money.

Both men asked that their real identities be concealed.

US television networks, facing increasing restrictions in covering remote areas of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, first put small video cameras in the hands of local Palestinians in November 1988.

In an effort to limit unrest, Israel has barred the media from the territories during a meeting in Algiers of the Palestine National Council (PNC) which declared an independent state.

"The Army was clamping down and closing off areas," said one network bureau chief. "Crews couldn't be everywhere. So it made sense to give cameras to locals. It's the only way to get pictures when the authorities close an area."

State-owned Israel Television, broadcasting in Hebrew and Arabic, rarely shows film of violent clashes between troops and Palestinians.

Its coverage of the uprising has mainly consisted of long shots of shuttered shops and empty streets during curfews, with soldiers filmed on patrol, often from behind.

Centre

Aware of the power of images in sustaining the revolt, Palestinians have established a documentation centre to collect videotapes and newspaper articles about the uprising.

The centre has produced two documentaries with home video cameras about Arab life under Israeli rule since the uprising began in December 1987.

One entitled "Education Under Occupation" examines Israel's closure of Palestinian schools and traces the development of underground popular education in the territories.

In one scene, three-year-old children in an underground West Bank nursery school play a game called "intifada." They make mock roadblocks with building blocks. "Protesters" stone "soldiers" wearing red hard hats who club them over the head.

The centre's founder, Walid Atala, said he hoped the centre would become an embryonic Palestinian television studio producing news and documentaries for the Arab world.

To satisfy the hunger for news of the revolt, enterprising Palestinian video-owners have made montages of intifada pictures from Jordanian, Syrian and foreign television broadcasts.

Israel will need 200,000 men to crush uprising

BET HORON, West Bank, May 31. (Reuters) Israel would need 200,000 men in the occupied territories to crush the Palestinian uprising by classic riot police methods, the head of the border police said yesterday.

"If we worked by the book and faced each disturbance with a textbook ratio of one policeman to every 15 demonstrators, we'd need something like 200,000 men in the territories," said Commander Meshulam Amit, whose 4,800-strong paramilitary unit is Israel's foremost riot force.

"But this is not a textbook situation and what we face is Palestinian terrorist violence which will not be allowed to dictate operation procedures to us,"

he said.

"This is not South Korea or Western Europe where police face demonstrators from their own society in set places with set rules."

"We face small groups in many places at once in a quasi-war and we don't know in advance whether rocks will be thrown at us or if we will face firebombs or even gunfire," he said.

Amit was questioned by foreign reporters about Israel's handling of the 17-month-old uprising after a tour of border police installations, including the main training centre near the West Bank city of Ramallah.

The tour, a first ever for the foreign press, was

apparently aimed at altering the force's reputation for ruthlessness and brutality, Amit spoke to reporters afterwards in Jerusalem.

Reports published outside Israel have estimated that up to 15,000 Israeli soldiers serve in the occupied areas at any one time.

The border police came under particular criticism after a clash in April in the West Bank village of Nahalin when a small unit opened fire on Arab stone-throwers, killing five people.

Statistics nonetheless show the unit opens fire far less than regular troops. Of the 499 Arabs to have died in the revolt against Israeli occupation, only 20 have been shot dead by border policemen.



Qaboos visits France

PARIS, May 31. (AP) Sultan Qaboos of Oman arrived in France yesterday on the first official visit by an Omani monarch since diplomatic relations were established between the two countries 200 years ago.

Qaboos, who arrived from Sardinia aboard a special Boeing 747, was met at Orly airport by

President Francois Mitterrand. The two leaders had talks last evening. It was followed by an official dinner at the Elysee Palace.

Qaboos is the first Arab leader to meet with French officials since the emergency Arab summit last week in Casablanca, Morocco.

(Reuters wirephoto)

Jibril meets Velayati in Syria

NICOSIA, May 31. (AP) Ahmed Jibril, leader of the radical Palestinian group that US officials suspect was behind the bombing of a Pan American jumbo jet, met recently with Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati in Damascus, diplomatic sources said.

The May 22 meeting came amid renewed denials by Jibril's group, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC) that it was involved in the Pan Am bombing on Dec 21 in which 270 people were killed.

US and other Western intelligence officials believe the PFLP-GC carried out the bombing at Iran's request in retaliation for the downing of an Iran Air jetliner last July by the US missile cruiser Vincennes in the Gulf. All 290 people aboard were killed.

The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Velayati and Jibril discussed Iran's support for the Palestinian struggle against Israel.

They said Jibril asserted that the only way the Palestinians will regain their homeland was through armed struggle.

Iran, like Jibril and other Syrian-backed Palestinian leaders, has denounced PLO chairman Yasser Arafat's peace initiative, renunciation of terrorism and recognition of Israel.

The sources said Velayati was in Damascus for consultations with Syrian President Hafez Assad before last week's Arab summit conference, which endorsed Arafat's initiative and sought ways to end the Lebanese civil war.

Jibril has denied the PFLP-GC was involved in the Pan Am bombing. But he admitted the group makes bombs similar to the one investigators believed exploded in the Boeing 747's forward baggage compartment over southern Scotland on a flight from Frankfurt via London to New York.

Iran has also denied any involvement.

PFLP-GC spokesman Fahd Shourouh said May 21 in Damascus that US allegations naming the group were designed to discredit it.

"But the Syrians are sure we had nothing to do with this operation," he said.

"We're not agents for Iran or anyone else," Shourouh said. "They didn't ask us. They're not allowed to ask us for such things."

Diplomats and counter-terrorism specialists believe that Jibril and Abu Nidal have forged new links over the last year with Iranian radicals and their Shiite Muslim allies in Lebanon.

Just how deep these links are is not really known, nor is whether the alliance was specifically aimed at Western targets.

But the radical resurgence in Tehran; the confrontation with the West over British author Salman Rushdie's novel, *The Satanic Verses*, which many Muslims allege blasphemes; Islam; and the opposition by hardline Palestinian factions to Arafat's initiative all provide fertile ground for such an alliance.

Egypt to open border

Mending fences with Libya

CAIRO, May 31. (Reuters) Egypt is reopening its border with Libya, closed by a brief war more than a decade ago, with signs of a sudden turnaround in long-hostile relations between the two neighbours.

Some official sources said the border, at Saloum in Egypt's western desert, had already been unofficially reopened.

Defence Minister General Youssef Sabri Abu Taleb visited Saloum yesterday to check preparations to open the frontier, closed after the 1977 border war. Defence Ministry officials said.

There has been a flurry of diplomatic activity between the two sides, following meetings of reconciliation between Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi at an Arab League summit in Morocco last week.

A personal envoy of Khaddafi, his cousin Ahmed Gaddaf-Eddam, arrived in Cairo yesterday for talks with Egyptian officials and a Libyan civil aviation team is visiting to discuss air links, security sources said.

But local analysts and diplomats said there was still much work to be done before diplomatic ties could be restored.

"There is still a long way to go before anything like ambas-



Khaddafi talks

sadors are exchanged," one Western diplomat said.

Libya is one of only three Arab countries which have not yet restored diplomatic ties with Egypt, broken in 1979 following Cairo's decision to make a separate peace treaty with Israel. The other two are Syria and Lebanon.

Relations between Tripoli and Cairo have been strained both by the border war and by Libya's hardline opposition to any peace

overtures towards Israel.

Egypt has accused Libya of plotting sabotage against it and of trying to kill Libyan exiles living in Egypt.

But Mubarak, who in the past has dubbed the maverick Libyan leader as "unstable," yesterday described his meetings with Khaddafi at the Casablanca Arab summit as "frank and cordial."

"That is quite an improvement on what he has been saying previously. There definitely seems to be a will for improved relations on both sides," one diplomat said, although he added Egypt would probably continue to treat Khaddafi with caution.

Political analysts said that with Egypt back in the Arab fold — it was readmitted to the Arab League last week — Khaddafi could fear being isolated.

Even Egypt's long-standing enemy, Syria, keen to neutralise other opponents while it vies for influence with Iraq in Lebanon, has made overtures of reconciliation to Cairo.

"Now that Egypt is back in the Arab League it is interested in normalising relations with everybody," Mohammed Syed Ahmed, a columnist for the semi-official Al Ahram newspaper said.

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Israeli jets blast bases in Lebanon

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which is believed to be holding nine American hostages in Lebanon, were destroyed during the 10-minute air strike, police said.

The aborted infiltration attempt into northern Israel today was the third such incident this week.

On Sunday, Israeli troops and the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army stopped an infiltration attempt by six Palestinians and pro-Iranian Islamic fundamentalists. Two commandos were killed, two captured and the

others escaped.

Early yesterday, another commando was killed by Israeli and SLA soldiers.

The Israeli Air Force has carried out four air strikes into Lebanon earlier this year, killing 23 people and wounding 61.

The unofficial Arab death toll in the nearly 18-month-old uprising against Israeli rule topped 500 today when three Palestinians from the occupied Gaza Strip died of army gunshot wounds.

At least 501 Arabs and 20 Jews have now died, according to a toll kept by Reuters since the revolt

erupted in the West Bank and Gaza in December 1987.

Throughout the territories, Palestinians observed a one-day general strike.

Amnesty International has accused Israel of violating basic human rights by detaining without trial more than 5,000 Palestinians since the uprising began.

The US government yesterday denounced vigilante attacks by Jewish settlers in the West Bank.

Israel today welcomed remarks by Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze that its proposals for Middle East peace were worth discussion.

Iran sets date for presidential polls and referendum

ATHENS, May 31. (UPI) Iran's Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashami announced yesterday that the Islamic Republic's next presidential election would be held Aug 18, simultaneously with a referendum to amend the constitution.

The state-owned Islamic Republic News Agency quoted the minister as saying the new president would be sworn in Oct 10, a day after the expiry of President Ali Khamenei's second four-year term.

IRNA, monitored in Athens, said

parliament speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani was a front-runner in the presidential race, but the news agency did not name other candidates.

Residents in Tehran reached by telephone said other candidates appeared to have bowed out in favour of the parliament speaker, but Tehran Radio said the official registration of candidates would begin a week before the election.

Mohtashami said the Interior Ministry had printed 80 million ballot papers, of which 40

million would be used for the presidential election, and the other 40 million for the referendum on the constitution.

The minister did not say how many eligible voters there were in Iran, but regional analysts estimated the figure stood at about 20 million.

Mohtashami said a candidate needed an absolute majority of the votes cast to win, but if there were more than two candidates and none received an absolute majority Aug 18, a run-off election would be held a week later between the two leading candidates.



Some Afghan refugees, who returned home, are seen near Kandahar. (Reuters wirephoto)

Up to 1,500 Afghans returning

Refugees trickling back

QUETTA, Pakistan, May 31. (Reuters) Up to 1,500 Afghan refugees a day are returning to rebel-held areas of southern Afghanistan from camps in neighbouring Pakistan, rebel sources said today.

The trickle began soon after the final Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan in February and has grown to a steady stream over the past few weeks, they said.

A senior foreign aid worker confirmed that some refugees were returning to their homes but said the numbers were small compared to the estimated total of 3.2 million in Pakistan.

"There definitely is some movement going on, but it is very difficult to say how many," he said. "They prefer not to take the main routes."

"They are going in larger units. Previously it was just one or two men at a time, now women and children are going too."

President Najibullah, in a broadcast to the refugees carried by Kabul Radio on Monday night, appealed to them to return home and help build a

peaceful Afghanistan.

He offered them loans for fertilisers and seeds, a six-month exemption from military service and help with temporary accommodation.

One Afghan rebel source in Pakistan said rebels had tried to stop refugees using the main border crossing between Kandahar and Quetta in western Pakistan. So the returnees used instead a network of small tracks criss-crossing the frontier.

The refugees were going to Helmand, Kandahar and Zabul provinces, in each of which the Soviet-backed government holds the capital and the rebels operate in the countryside.

Little fighting has been reported from the region this year. A Western television reporter who returned from Kandahar province this week said that apart from some sporadic attacks on Kandahar airport there was no significant fighting.

A UN delegation yesterday met Afghan rebels in Tehran to discuss elections for a broad-based government in their country. Tehran Radio reported.

MIDEAST BRIEFS

Libyan visiting Cairo

CAIRO, Egypt, May 31. (AP) A high-ranking Libyan emissary arrived in Cairo yesterday for talks with Egyptian officials on how to improve relations between the two countries, a government source said.

The source, who asked not to be named, said the visit is being undertaken "in light of the conciliatory meeting at last week's Arab summit meeting in Casablanca between President Hosni Mubarak and Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi."

He identified the emissary as Ahmed Qaddafi El-Dani, a cousin of Khaddafi and Libya's intelligence chief.

Egyptians arrest six

CAIRO, May 31. (Reuters) Egyptian police have arrested six alleged communists suspected of trying to foment protests against government economic policy, security sources said yesterday.

They said the six were being questioned by prosecutors. The Communist Party is banned in Egypt.

The detainees were believed to have distributed leaflets attacking plans to streamline the public sector, the sources said, adding that they hoped to take advantage of discontent caused by Egypt's economic problems.

Nations help Jordan

LONDON, May 31. (Reuters) Iraq, Oman and Kuwait gave Jordan \$80 million after last April's price riots, an IMF official was quoted as saying today.

Kuwait gave Jordan \$40 million in cash and \$40 million worth of oil while Iraq and Oman each granted Amman \$20 million. Abdel Shakour Shaalan, head of the Middle East Department at the International Monetary Fund told Ashraf Al Awsat daily.

Shaalan, in charge of IMF talks with debt-ridden Arab states, said Iraq promised Jordan \$50 million by the end of 1989.

Radio link-up planned

BUDAPEST, May 31. (Reuters) Hungary and Israel will link up in a radio bridge for the first time on Thursday, the state news agency MTI reported yesterday.

Studios in Tel Aviv and Budapest will broadcast a 90-minute joint programme on subjects ranging from anti-semitism to political and cultural relations between the two countries.

Like most East bloc countries, Hungary severed ties with Israel during the 1967 Middle East war, but full diplomatic relations are expected to be resumed within months.

Hussein blasts media

AMMAN, May 31. (Reuters) King Hussein told Jordanian journalists yesterday the government-run media should play a more effective role in airing the views of the people.

"King Hussein told us he was fed up with seeing his picture in the newspapers and on television every day and with reports which focussed on what he did rather than on the event itself," one reporter who attended the meeting told Reuters.

He quoted the King as saying: "I want the media to be more active and responsible... to allow people to speak out on their problems and to state their views and grievances."

POWs release urged

GENEVA, May 31. (KUNA) A group of 30 legal and political science experts yesterday adopted a declaration calling on all parties to the Geneva conventions to ensure that the 100,000-odd prisoners-of-war held by Iran and Iraq are freed immediately.

The appeal was made during a two-day Geneva conference on the prisoners issue, sponsored by an Austrian-based non-governmental body, the International Progress Organisation (IPO).

Younger meets prince

LONDON, May 31. (AP) Defence Secretary George Younger and his Saudi Arabian counterpart, Prince Sultan, held talks in London yesterday on "matters of mutual interest," the Ministry of Defence said.

The ministry did not release any details of the 45-minute meeting.

UN resolution backed

MOSCOW, May 31. (KUNA) Soviet Foreign Ministry official spokesman Gennady Gerasimov yesterday announced that his country supports implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 598 on peaceful settlement of the Iraq-Iran conflict.

He reiterated in his daily briefing yesterday that the Soviet Union is for what he called Iraq's withdrawal from Iranian territories.

Boycott laws invoked

KHARTOUM, May 31. (Reuters) Sudan was invoking Arab boycott laws against Israel when it refused overflight rights to a jet taking the president of the Central African Republic to the Jewish state, Khartoum newspapers said today.

The Central African Republic severed diplomatic relations with Khartoum on Monday, the day after the incident involving President Andre Kolingba's aircraft forced the African leader to postpone his planned official visit to Israel.

Sudan, which has accused Bangui of annexing a border strip in the western Bahr Al Ghazal province earlier this year, has so far maintained an official silence on the flight ban.

US, PLO to meet

TUNIS, May 31. (Reuters) The United States and the PLO will soon resume official talks in Tunis, the Palestinian news agency Wafa said today.

The agency said the decision to hold a third round of talks was taken yesterday when Palestine Liberation Organisation Representative Hakim Balaoui and US Ambassador Robert Pelletreau had an informal meeting.

Washington requested the meeting following last week's emergency Arab summit in Casablanca and Secretary of State James Baker's statement calling on Palestinians and Israelis to make moves towards peace.

Ozal leaves Brussels

BRUSSELS, May 31. (Reuters) Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal is leaving Brussels empty-handed over his country's application to join the European Economic Community.

He met Jacques Delors, president of the EEC's Executive Commission, for an hour yesterday and a Delors spokesman said the meeting was "long and friendly."

But EEC sources said Ozal was probably disappointed at not receiving a clear signal welcoming Turkey's request to join the 12-nation bloc.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Players

UPTO June 1 (7.30 pm): Kuwait Players will present the last production of the season, a comedy entitled When Did You Last See Your Trousers, at the Universal American School, Salwa. Tickets KD3. For reservations call 5637088, 5629875.

Kuwait Science Museum

OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum

SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 7.00 to 10.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Sadu House

SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon, 7 to 10 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

Cultural Association

JUNE 4: 10 am. The regular coffee morning will be held at the Holiday Inn. All German-speaking ladies, especially newcomers are welcome, and should make an effort to attend for the summer holidays.

MUSIC

Piano and Flute Concert

JUNE 3: Pianist Michael Beissenhirtz and flutist Ulrike Beissenhirtz are having a concert at the Terrace Room of the Kuwait International Hotel at 8.00 pm. KD3 per person. Reservations at: 2530000 ext. 8039/8040.

Piano concert

JUNE 7 at 7.30 pm: Famous Turkish pianist Ms Arin Karamursel will give a performance at the Ballroom 'A' of the Kuwait Sheraton. Tickets are KD5 per person followed by a reception. For reservation contact 2422055 ext 104/107/109.

Musical evening

JUNE 9: Octave presents a grand musical evening comprising hit songs from Hindi, Malayalam and Tamil films, at the Indian Arts Circle auditorium, Funaitees at 6.30 pm.

SOCIAL

Bangladeshi get-together

BANGLADESHI Engineers and architects in Kuwait will hold a get-together at the Hotel Plaza Ballroom on June 15 from 7.30 pm onwards. For details contact 4317145, 4718157 or 3713923.

Contact

JUNE 3: The ladies information group. Contact will hold its next meeting on Saturday, from 10 am, at the Mesilah Beach Hotel. For details call 3720197; 4874513; 5388105.

Qabazard Dive Club

JUNE 11: The organisational meeting for a new Qabazard Dive Club will be held at 7 pm at Qabazard Marine Company, Hamad Al Mubarak St., Salmiya to elect new officers. New members also welcome. For further details Tel: 5746579.

Get-together

JUNE 16: The Go-Go Club will be having a get-together at the Ramada Al Salem Hotel from 11 am onwards with Stepping Stones and Symphony in attendance. For details contact Raju 2412970 and Tony 2631826 after 3.30 pm.

Fiesta Filipina

JUNE 16: The Filipino Cultural Club will hold "Fiesta Filipina" to commemorate the 91st anniversary of the Philippine Republic on June 12. The show will give a glimpse of the Filipino heritage through songs and music. The show will be held at the Meridien Hotel, Al Jahra Ballroom. Highlights of the evening are an on-the-spot painting competition; lucky draw and exhibition. Show plus dinner buffet costs KD 5 per person. For reservations contact the Philippine Embassy; Mabuhay Restaurant; the Philippine 'Gift Shop and Rainbow Restaurant (Fahaeel).

FILMS

Konkani Drama

JUNE 15/16 (4.00 pm): Nashibachoo Divo Paloulo, the MAR production's Konkani drama, directed by Prem Kumar to be staged at the Indian Arts Circle. For entry

passes contact Raja Stores, tel: 2412970.

HOTELS

At the Meridien

Hotel Meridien Kuwait features special weekly promotion at La Brasserie restaurant: Asian corner every Saturday, Monday and Wednesday. A wide variety of Asian dishes, in addition to the regular buffet, will be featured. Tempura, fried noodles, etc, are prepared in front of the guests and served on the spot.

Mexican night every Sunday: Discover the delight of Mexican cuisine awaiting you in our 'Little Mexico' Greek Tavern every Tuesday: Experience authentic Greek ambience and food with live Bouzouki music and wide variety of mezzah.

Family day every Friday: Enjoy a Friday with your family. La Brasserie offers a wide array of oriental favourites along with live music entertainment plus a magician to thrill the little ones and many other games for the children.

Kuwait International

GARDEN POOL: Kubli Khan Mongolian barbecue every Friday afternoon. Mix and match your lunch while it is prepared according to your palate. Ext. 8006.

La Patisserie: Serves Continental breakfast and afternoon tea. Kiwi cake is the cake of the week. Pianist in the evenings. Ext. 8014.

Hungarian festival: Upto June 1. Kitchen brigade from Budapest. Live entertainment by Gypsy Band and dancers.

Tickets on sale at: 2530000/8039/8040.

At the Kuwait Plaza

TRADITIONAL Arabic music: The famous oud player, Fawzi Jamal entertains Plaza guests at the Noura Terrace with traditional Arabic music. He also sings the most known and celebrated songs of the good old days.

International music: Italian, Eastern and American music played at Marcopolo restaurant. The new duo 'Stan Alice' are renowned for their versatility. Their music includes Russian jazz, pop, light rock. For reservations contact: 2438800, ext. 760

SPORTS

Recreation Centre

SWIMMING lessons available at the Holiday Inn Health Club and recreation centre. Separate ladies and mens keep fit classes with Steve and Chris Hill on Mondays at 6 to 7 pm. Also ladies aerobics and mixed aerobics with Touri Pakasalo. Yoga and bowling alley available for company tournaments. Squash handicap tournament for all standards and squash coaching available from our squash instructors. Also tennis coaching, martial arts starting on Sunday, June 4 and on following Sundays (6.30 to 7.30 pm) mixed classes. Additional facilities available under the supervision of selected professionals. For details contact the recreation department, tel. No. 4742000 ext. 6788 or 6700.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Denver: cartoon serial
- 6.30 The New Mickey Mouse Club: Sailing adventures form the theme of tonight's programme for young viewers.
- 7.00 Munsters Today: "A Little Russian Dressing" A rat is replaced by a beautiful woman who claims to Grandpa's fiancée.
- 7.30 T.N.T.: "On Ice." Dick is accused of fraud. Will Mr T help him? Action
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 Special programme on MAP, hosted by Adeb Shuaib
- 8.40 Beauty and the Beast: "Brothers." Vincent helps a shy young man to regain confidence.
- 9.30 Paul Daniel's Magic Show
- 10.30 Thursday's future: "Klondike Fever." Starring: Rod Steiger, Angie Dickinson, Lorna Greene. Set it 1957, it is about gold prospectors who go West in search of a better future.
- 12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

FRIDAY

- 4.00 Holy Quran
- 4.10 Centurions: cartoon serial
- 4.30 Italian Football
- 5.30 American Basketball
- 6.30 Inter Bang: Episode 10. "The Windmill of Rhodes."
- 7.00 Once a Hero: Start of a new series about Captain Justice, a former superhero, who regains his lost powers and helps fight Black Jack, the evil force.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 Breaking Away: A look at what's happening at various clubs in Kuwait



A scene from 'Breaking Away' on KTV 2 at 8.30 pm on Friday.

- 8.50 Big League Soccer: Highlights of English football games, brought to you by Brian Moore
- 9.30 The Charmings: "The Charmings Get Robbed." Lillian has a good time after she finds two robbers breaking into the Charmings' home.
- 10.00 Tales from the Other-side. "Mookie and Pookie." A girl discovers that her brother has begun "living in a computer" after his death. He was a computer enthusiast.
- 10.30 Blue Blood: "Thief." Duke Heurich, who becomes a private eye, is hired to unravel the secret behind the death of a petty thief. Starring: Lauren Hutton, Albert Fortell, Marisa Berenson.
- 11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

KTV1

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.15 Cartoons
- 9.45 Tum Tac Wa El Atfal
- 10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
- 10.15 Varieties
- 10.30 Al Shabab: Foreign feature film
- 12.20 Cultural film
- 1.00 News summary
- 1.05 The World News via Satellite
- 1.35 Cartoons
- 2.00 Varieties
- 2.30 Cultural film
- 4.00 Varieties
- 4.30 Liqa' Al Khamees
- 6.30 Varieties
- 7.30 Min Al Fan Al Shabi
- 8.30 Ma' Al Islam: Prepared and presented by Dr. Khaled Al Mathkoor

- 1.00 News summary
- 1.05 The World News via satellite
- 1.35 Varieties
- 2.00 Nahno Asdeqa'ok
- 2.15 Looking for Adventure: Cultural programme
- 3.30 Cartoons
- 4.00 Harat Al Saqaayeen: Arabic feature film, starring Sharifa Fadhel, Mohammed Awadh, Ameen Al Hossaini, Mohammed Ridha and Mohammed Rushdi
- 6.00 Varieties
- 6.15 Al Kuwaiti Fi Osboo:

- 7.05 KTV 1 Weekly programmes
- 7.40 Ma' Al Osra: Local programme
- 8.45 Hadeeth Al Osboo: Presented by Ali Al Jassar
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.45 Wrestling
- 10.30 Hikayat Al Nojoom: Variety programme, today's guest Anwar Wajdi
- 11.45 News summary
- 11.50 The World News via Satellite
- 12.15 Holy Quran and Closedown

RADIO PROGRAMMES

World Service

- 0800 Newsdesk
- 30 4th Two Cheers, 11th and 18th After Henry; 25th Flying the Flag
- 0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
- 25 Financial News
- 30 Waveguide
- 40 Book Choice
- 45 Society Today
- 0200 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 Network UK
- 30 Assignment
- 0300 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 The World Today
- 30 Britain of Britain (ex 4th My Music)
- 0400 Newsdesk
- 30 Society Today
- 45 Andy Kershaw's World of Music
- 0500 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Financial News
- 40 Words of Faith
- 45 The World Today
- 0600 Newsdesk
- 30 They Made Our World
- 40 The Farming World

- 0700 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Mediawatch (ex 4th Write On...)
- 45 Network UK
- 0800 World News
- 09 Words of Faith
- 15 The Girl in His Past
- 30 John Peel
- 0900 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 The World Today
- 30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
- 45 Society Today

Land for sale

Land plots for sale in Rajkot at Kalawad Road, Gujarat State. Contact Vinoo Jagoda Tel: 2407415 between 4 to 8 pm on Friday 2nd June.

Winners of the Mando Festival



Mogreancho Jhelo, the first prize winners.

IN the first ever Mando Festival held in Kuwait on the 26th of last month at Hotel Meridien and organised by Kuwait Konkani Kendr, the first prize was bagged by the group called "Mogreancho Jhelo" led by musician Jack Fernandes.

The second prize went to Salmiya group called "Konkani-chim Kirnam" led by Mrs

Anita Carvalho who was a popular mandolinist for many years in East Africa.

Third prize went to children group called "Kuwaitche Fute Bhonge." In addition to the trophies, first prize winners and the children group were all presented with gold medals.

Besides Mandos, Kunbi

dance by Sanvordem group and songs by F.X. Pereira were staged and they too were given prizes and trophies all donated by the sponsors of the show "Rothmans Cigarettes." The show was well attended by the packed hall. During the lunch-break, Konkani Book Exhibition was also held where over 80 books were displayed.



Konkani-chim Kirnam, the second prize winners.

CINEMA

Firdous Vardi
Sunny Deol, Madhuri Dixit
Fahaeel
Teen Kanya
Jahra
Arabic Film
Granada
Revenge of the Nerds II
Salaibkhat
Karate Girls
Al Jleeb
Aap Beeti
Ahmadi Drive-in
Arabic Film

Al Andalus
Beetle Juice
Al Sahniya
Booked for Arabic play
Al Hasna Wa Wahoush
Al Hamra
Arabic Film

Drive-in
Arabic Film

Fahaeel Open-Air
Clerk

FRIDAY

Jahra
Iron Angels 2
Granada
Nashat
Salaibkhat
Space Mutiny

Al Jleeb
Gunghat

PRAYERS

Fajr 3.15 am
Zuhr 11.46
Asr 3.20 pm
Maghreb 6.43
Isha 8.13

FRIDAY

Fajr 3.15 am
Friday prayer 11.46
Asr 3.20 pm
Maghreb 6.43
Isha 8.14

● All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shurfaik. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

Glassman moves to America

GLASSMAN America '90 is the third in the highly successful series of international glass manufacturing exhibitions. Organised by FMJ International Publications Ltd, Glassman America '90 will take place at the Green Tree Marriott Hotel, Pittsburgh, USA, on May 8 and 9, 1990. Sponsors for the exhibition include the widely read English-language journals Glass and Glass International.

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Switzerland to Japan non-stop service

SWISSAIR and Japan Air Lines, JAL, are to introduce a non-stop service between Switzerland and Japan. The new flight, to be routed via Siberia, will slash the journey time to under 12 hours. The service is due to begin this summer.

The two carriers have agreed to establish the new service as a joint operation. The DC-10 aircraft required will be provided by Swissair but JAL will assume responsibility for 50 per cent of seating capacity. As a further sign of the partnership involved, JAL flight attendants will also be deployed on these flights to help cater for customers' wishes.

Swissair's current polar-route flight currently takes some 17 hours. The west bound flight via Siberia will be obliged to make an intermediate stop in Moscow, yet the new route will still greatly reduce the journey time to 13 hours 50 minutes.

Symposium on micro silica

ALGHANIM Group Specialties Company and Elkem Materials of Norway conducted a symposium on the use of highly reactive micro silica for the improvement of final qualities of hardened concrete.

Alghanim Specialties' technical consultant Michel Limansky welcomed the Elkem Materials technical representatives and the engineering sector audience for their attendance and introduced Dr Thor Hansen, overseas manager for Elkem Materials.

Dr Hansen in turn explained in detail the advantages of using 90 per cent purity highly reactive silica in the production of ultra high strength impermeable concrete.

After a short break Svenkerud, Elkem Materials' technical sales introduced to the audience reference projects made with micro silica.



Views of the symposium



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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Looting rages

Argentines guard property with guns

BUENOS AIRES, May 31. (Reuters) Argentine traders and home owners today guarded their property with shotguns and small arms after food riots and looting in which at least 14 people have been killed, dozens injured and hundreds detained.

After two days of riots, hundreds of policemen patrolled the Buenos Aires outskirts while thousands of paramilitary security men watched over Rosario, Argentina's second largest city and scene of some of the worst violence.

Over 1,000 policemen patrolled General Sarmiento, a northern suburb of Buenos Aires where five people were reported killed. The government yesterday set limits on soaring food prices that fuelled the unrest, which is yet to be contained by a 30-day state of siege declared by President Raul Alfonsín on Monday.

Police found two bullet-riddled bodies in front of a food warehouse in San Miguel, a northern suburb of Buenos Aires, the state news agency Telam said. Rosario seemed deserted as shops, restaurants and theatres closed their shutters before sunset and public transport was suspended for the night. Local radio reported gun skirmishes between residents and looters.

"It's no longer a question of supermarket looting, there's also been very serious attacks on private homes. There are firearms and there are snipers," Interior Secretary Ricardo Gil Lavedra told reporters at government house yesterday.

Interior Minister Juan Carlos Pugliese, who on Monday blamed extreme leftists, said there were no plans to call in the army.

One thousand paramilitary men were rushed to Rosario late on Tuesday after rioters fired at security forces from barricades.

Nearly 800 people arrested in looting-linked incidents were taken to a field in the Rosario rural society's fairgrounds.

"Now the problem is we don't know how to feed the looters nor the troops," Santa Fe vice-governor Antonio Varnell said. The riots crippled food distribution in Rosario, where seven people were reported dead in the past two days.

Congress today ratified a 30-day state of siege decreed by President Raul Alfonsín in an effort to end food riots in major

Argentine cities.

The Senate and House of Deputies, ending an all-night session, gave overwhelming approval to the decree Alfonsín issued Monday.

At the insistence of opposition Peronist lawmakers, the Congress added measures to increase social benefits for workers and retirees and for public employees in the provinces.

The country's severe economic problems have sparked the unrest, which broke out last week. The national currency has been devalued by 90 per cent since February, inflation has far outstripped pay raises and thousands of people have lost their jobs.

"The country is dying of hunger. Factories are closing. People are unemployed," Adolfo Perez Esquivel, director of the human rights group Peace and Justice Service and the 1980 Nobel peace prize winner, said today.

Under Alfonsín's decree, police can conduct raids without obtaining warrants and make arrests without specific charges.

President-elect Carlos Menem, a Peronist, flew to Buenos Aires from his home in the western provincial capital of



A provincial police officer attempts to stop a crowd in front of a supermarket across from Wide railway station, south west of Buenos Aires on Tuesday. Rioting and looting intensified in the Argentine capital on Tuesday, 24 hours after the government announced a state of siege. (Reuter wirephoto)

La Rioja and met with Alfonsín today to discuss the crisis as well as the possibility of an early transfer of power.

Menem has previously rejected taking over before the scheduled transition date of Dec 10. He said yesterday he still was opposed to taking office early.

Unrest is outgrowth of economic crisis

Foreign debt climbs to \$59b

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, May 31. (AP) Looting and street clashes with police that have disrupted more than a dozen Argentine cities and towns in the last week are symptoms of a choking economy.

"What people are earning doesn't enable them to put even one meal a day on the table. That's a basic fact that society has to deal with," said Beverly Keene of the human rights group Peace and Justice Service.

The economy has overwhelmed many Argentines. People are trying to feed themselves and their families on wages decimated by inflation. Since February, when the central bank stopped selling US dollars to prop up the austral and fend off inflation, Argentina's national currency has plunged in value by more than 90 per cent.

Inflation rocketed from 9.6 per cent in February to 17 per cent in March. Economists speculate it will top 100 per cent in June.

Suddenly, food, medicine and other basic products are beyond the reach of hundreds of thousands of Argentines.

The doubling of the national minimum wage yesterday to 8,700 australs a month, about \$50, is not likely to help much.

Inflation is just the tip of the iceberg. The national budget is in deficit, and the government of President Raul Alfonsín is hard-pressed to either lay off employees or further increase charges for telephones, electricity and other public services, which were hiked 40 per cent only two weeks ago.

The foreign debt has climbed to \$59 billion, and annual interest payments of \$6 billion amount to about twice the annual trade surplus, thus removing that as a source of investment. Interest on the debt has not been paid since last year.

Economic deterioration is compounded by political paralysis. The ruling radical Civic Union lost national elections on May 14, but President-elect Carlos Menem of the Peronist Party is not due to take office until Dec 10.

Alfonsín has the authority to rule, but Menem has the crucial public support.

The economic crisis has been brewing for decades. Argentines since the 1950s have lived with a state-managed economy, powerful labour unions and political polarisation between the two main parties and the military. Inflation has been triple-digit since the 1970s.

Alfonsín, 62, tried since his inauguration 5-1/2 years ago to reduce the role of the state, diminish the power of organised labour, curtail the military's political ambitions and spark an economy that has stagnated for a decade.

In almost every area, for a variety of reasons, he has failed.

Iraq to build more jetties

BAGHDAD, Iraq, May 31. (AP) Iraqi Minister of Communications and Transport Mohamed Hamza disclosed today that Iraq plans to build 13 new jetties at its southern Gulf port of Umm Qasr, near the border with Kuwait.

He told the Associated Press in an interview that the new jetties will have a capacity of 4 million tons of general cargo and will be

linked directly to a railway network connecting Umm Qasr with the southern Iraqi city of Basra and other towns.

The state-owned Al Farouq Company currently is building 10 jetties at the Umm Qasr port which are expected to be completed next month. Hamza said 86 per cent of the construction work already has been completed.

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Dollar eases in market nervous about rates

LONDON, May 31. (Reuters) The dollar eased today in a market nervously waiting to see whether West German interest rates would be raised tomorrow to defend the mark.

For once traders seemed happy to stay out of the market pending an interest rate signal from Thursday's meeting in West Berlin of the Bundesbank Council.

Opinion is divided evenly on the outcome. As many pundits forecast a rise to prop up the mark as those who say the authorities will not make credit more expensive out of concern for slowing the economy.

The mark, a heavy loser as the dollar has gained this month, firmed today because of buyers betting on an increase to the discount and emergency Lombard funding rate.

"Most people are now trading on the basis of a West German rate increase tomorrow, although I think deep down a lot don't really think it's going to happen," said a trader at a US bank in London.

The Bundesbank Council meets every two weeks on a Thursday and speculation that it will push interest rates up to brake the dollar has been a feature of the Wednesday trading preceding it since the US currency began its latest rise a month ago.

US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady said in Paris today he was worried by the dollar's strength because it threatens to spread inflation and worsen world trade balances.

"If the dollar's recent rise is sustained for a prolonged period, or extended, it could undermine our adjustment efforts," said Brady, who is attending a meeting of the 24-nation Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Japan raised its official discount rate three quarters of a percentage point to 3.25 per cent on Tuesday, a widely expected move that had little effect on markets. Britain put its bank base rate up from 13 to 14 per cent on May 24 to defend the pound.

Sheikh Ali for Vienna OPEC to discuss increase in output

KUWAIT, May 31. (Agencies) Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa left here today heading Kuwait's delegation to attend the meeting of OPEC monitoring committee.

The committee meeting will open in Vienna tomorrow.

Sheikh Ali will also attend the OPEC ministerial council meeting that will start June 5.

Sheikh Ali told Kuwait News Agency and Radio Kuwait that the meeting will discuss two main topics, the first is increasing the production ceiling of OPEC states and the second is distributing the quotas of production among the member states.

He also said in an answer to a question that he expects that oil prices would maintain its current level during the second half of this year if there is co-operation and commitment and an agreement that is satisfactory for all.

He said, however, that if there is no co-operation and no agreement that is acceptable by all members, undoubtedly the oil prices will face pressure.

The delegation accompanying Sheikh Ali groups Assistant Managing Director for Marketing at Kuwait Petroleum Corporation Abdullah Al Roumi, the oil expert Suhail Nasser and the director of the minister's office Farid Zabbal.

Sheikh Ali was seen off on

departure by Oil Undersecretary Abdul Rahman Ahmed Al Sultan, who will leave next Sunday to join the delegation to the OPEC ministerial council.

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia plans to urge OPEC to give up its 3-year-old price goal of \$18 a barrel and depend on production quotas to sustain the price of oil, the New York Times reported today.

In an interview in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Oil Minister Hisham M. Nazer said he plans to make the recommendation Friday at a ministerial meeting in Vienna of the Organisation of Petroleum exporting countries.

"The government of Saudi Arabia believes that OPEC should set for itself a production ceiling and strictly adhere to it," Nazer said. "This will give members a chance to take advantage of situations where the price goes above \$18 a barrel."

Saudi Arabia also plans to withdraw its recent suggestion that the 13-member OPEC set a \$15 floor price, the Times said.

Nazer's statements, viewed as the latest in a series of Saudi measures to rid itself of the responsibility of stabilising oil prices, could make prices more volatile, the Times quoted oil analysts as saying.

Nazer said the policy shift was triggered by Saudi Arabia's

desire to get other OPEC members to adhere more strictly to production quotas.

Saudi Arabia, in fact, no longer considers \$18 as its target. Nazer said. "We think the key to prices should be OPEC oil supplies and strict adherence to quotas."

At the OPEC meeting on Friday, the newspaper said at least three member nations were expected to seek higher quotas.

Nazer said Saudi Arabia would abide by the quotas only if other members did likewise. If, however, OPEC members don't follow quotas, Saudi Arabia's position is that all members should be allowed to adjust and sell according to market demands, the newspaper said.

Nazer predicted that if all members observe production discipline, demand would be strong enough to push prices as high as \$20 a barrel.

"Saudi Arabia is not opposed to higher prices than \$18 a barrel, as long as they are justified by demand and supported with strict adherence to a production by all OPEC members without exception," Nazer said.

Pierre Terzian, editor of the Paris-based oil newsletter Petrostrategies, was quoted by the Times as saying, "it is a major change in Saudi policy. If OPEC does not give the price signal, who will?"

US leading economic index up

Economy is slowing

WASHINGTON, May 31. (AP) The US government's chief economic forecasting gauge shot up 0.8 per cent in April as it reversed course after posting declines in the previous two months, the Commerce Department said today.

The upward turn in the index of leading economic indicators allowed the index to steer clear of the traditional signal of a forthcoming recession — three declines in a row.

The index, designed to foretell economic activity six to nine months into the future, had dropped a revised 0.6 per cent in March and 0.3 per cent in February.

Analysts said April's upturn, which had been widely anticipated, was consistent with the view that while the economy is slowing, there still is enough strength left to power the record peacetime expansion through its seventh year.

"It wasn't a good bet, it isn't a good bet and it's not going to be a good bet in the fall that a recession is about to occur," economist James Annable of First National Bank of Chicago said in anticipation of today's report.

Last month's increase in the index was the biggest rise since a similar 0.8 per cent jump in January.

New oil discoveries fuel bid for recovery

Plan to boost private sector

DAMASCUS, Syria, May 31. (AP) A string of oil discoveries in the eastern desert and a new determination to boost the private sector are helping Syria climb out of a deep economic trough.

With the help of Western oil companies, the country this year became a net oil exporter for the first time, with revenues of \$550 million forecast by early 1990.

"Self-sufficiency in energy is something you really appreciate when you've never had it before," Economy Minister Mohammed Imadi said in an interview.

"The studies show that we have a continuous oil and gas supply for our needs and a surplus for export whenever we need the foreign exchange," he said.

For the Syrians, whose economy has been in such poor shape it barely had enough foreign exchange to cover one week's imports, the oil flow offers the prospect of badly needed revenue.

The modest oil boom has come as Syria struggles to reduce annual inflation of more than 65 per cent and service its \$18-billion foreign debt.

Three-quarters of the debt is owed to the Soviet Union, mostly for arms for President Hafez Assad's drive for strategic parity with Israel.

The oil strikes have come at a critical time for Syria, which has

suffered political setbacks in the region and is under mounting pressure from the Arabs and the Soviets to moderate headline policies that have stymied the Middle East peace process.

Syria has been pumping around 150,000 barrels a day of heavy crude from the Souweidieh fields in the north-east since the early 1970s and mixing it with imported light crude for domestic use.

Prospecting at that time by the country's east bloc allies brought no results, but advanced technology helped Shell locate the Thayem fields in 1984.

The new wells are already producing around 200,000 barrels a day of saleable crude, raising overall output to 350,000 barrels a day, more than double the country's needs.

But because the deposits are "generally small and fractured, exploration will have to be continuous in order to guarantee long-term supplies," the expert said.

Oil Minister Mutanious Habib recently told the Middle East Economic Survey, an oil industry newsletter, that another 50,000 barrels a day will be added later this year from three new fields.

He said Syria was "evaluating potential reserves throughout the country" in what he called a "crucial year" for exploration.

Ozone layer protection

Global co-operation urged

TOKYO, May 31. (AP) Asian countries need to join an international campaign to protect the world's ozone layer, officials at an Asia-Pacific environment seminar said today.

Japanese environment agency chief Masahisa Aoki told participants that all countries must co-operate to solve global environmental problems, and urged Asian nations to join an international agreement on protection of the ozone layer.

In early May in Helsinki, representatives from 86 countries agreed to phase out chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) "as soon as possible," but no later than the year 2000.

CFC gases, widely used as coolants in air conditioners and as propellants in aerosol cans, have been linked with destruction of the ozone layer, which protects the earth from cancer-causing ultraviolet rays.

Japan has started studying alternatives to the gases, and we'd like to offer our experience in an attempt to contribute to protection of the ozone layer," Aoki said.

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Offset schemes UK firms in foreground

JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia, May 31. (AP) Representatives of 50 British firms were in the foreground today on the third day of a conference of Saudi Arabian businessmen as part of the kingdom's efforts to involve foreign partners in so-called offset schemes.

Saudi Deputy Defence Minister Prince Fahd explained in a statement to the official Saudi Press Agency SPA that the aim of giving them prominence for a special discussion on the offset subject was "to acquaint the private sector of the programme framework with the British side."

The Britons in turn were "to see for themselves the economic climate that encourages investment in the kingdom and to give them a good idea of the level attained by the private sector in our country and the projects that will be carried out in the offset of the Yamamah project."

The statements coincided with the talks which Saudi Defence and Civil Aviation Minister Prince Sultan was having in London over implementation of Yamamah — the name given by the Saudis to the two major arms deals that Saudi Arabia concluded with Britain in recent years.

The deals, which are worth some \$25 billion, made Britain outrank the United States as number one arms supplier to the kingdom. The kingdom has been pressing Britain to follow the US example of conforming to the Saudi wish to see a third of the value of the deals diverted back in highly-technical industrial joint ventures in Saudi Arabia.

LONDON (Alpha Stocks)			LONDON (Beta Stocks)		
NAME	LAST		NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
ABBEY LIFE	265.0		2ND ALLCE	929.0	931.0
ADT LTD	182.0		600 GROUP	131.0	131.0
ALD LYONS	435.0		A.AMER	453.0	453.0
AMSTRAD	98.0		A.B.ELECT	381.0	382.0
ARGYLL GP	202.0		A.S.W.HLD	284.0	283.0
ASDA GP	167.0		AAB KENT	110.0	109.0
BAA	357.0		AAH HLD	405.0	405.0
BAT INDS	576.0		AARONSON	105.0	104.0
BARCLAYS	446.0		ADDISON	44.4	43.4
BASS	940.0		ADVEST	180.0	181.0
BEAZER	195.0		ALEX WRK	309.0	303.0
BEECHAM	618.0		ALCO COLL	141.0	141.0
BERISFORD	152.0		ALD IR B	154.0	155.0
BICC PLC	498.0		ALD IR N	155.0	
BLUE ARW	96.25		ALD LDN	145.0	145.0
BLUE CIRC	367.0		ALL PART	72.4	73.0
BOC GP	483.0		ALLIANCE	051.0	051.0
BOOTS CO	286.0		AMBER DAY	50.4	50.4
BPB INDS	236.0		AMEC	480.0	479.0
BR COM	175.0		AMER TST	149.4	149.4
BR AIRWAY	201.4		AMERSHAM	493.0	494.0
BR AEROSP	660.0		AMI HLTHC	358.0	357.0
BR GAS RG	174.0		ANGLIA SC	245.0	245.0
BR LAND	58.00		ANGLIA TV	288.0	287.0
B.P.P.	289.0		ANSBACHER	77.0	76.0
BR STEEL	88.0		APPLYEAR	179.0	180.0
BR TELCOM	256.0		APV PLC	151.0	152.0
BURNHAM OL	589.0		ASHLEY LA	103.0	102.0
BURTON	212.0		AUS REE A	235.0	234.0
CABLESWIR	554.0		AUST REE	383.0	380.0
CADBURYS	245.0		AUTO SECS	290.0	290.0
CALOR GRP	398.0		AVESCO	148.0	148.0
CLRN CO	863.0		AVON RUB	428.0	427.0
COATS VTY	168.0		B.WEIMILL	257.0	257.0
COOKSONS	325.0		BAILL JAP	517.0	520.0
COURTAUD	339.0		BAILL SHI	95.4	96.0
DALGETY	365.0		SIEBE	510.0	
DIXONS	42.85		STOCH ES	310.0	
ENG CHINA	476.0		STO.CHART	517.0	
ENTER OIL	540.0		STC	360.0	
FBI BACCK	161.0		STOREHSE	168.0	
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GUINNESS	486.0		ULTRANAR	300.0	
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HANSON	199.0		UTD MNSP	432.0	
HARRISON C	172.0		WELLCOME	451.0	
HUKER SID	695.0		WITROD IN	344.0	
HILLSDON	69.23		WILLIAMS	251.0	
IMI	231.0		WILLIS FB	232.0	
			WIMPEY GE	282.0	

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 300	1755.7	1765.3	1765.3	1655.3
FT 500	1218.2	1218.2	1218.2	1008.8
FT ALL SHR	1098.99	98.99	1103.81	1076.15
FT GOV SEC	85.43	85.88	86.20	87.30
FT GOLD MN	173.5	172.6	171.2	161.9
FT MINES F	615.15	615.15	617.49	653.25
FT OIL	2028.1	2028.1	2023.8	1725.4
FT WLD DLR	141.74	142.89	141.72	139.21
FT WLD STG	134.26	133.32	133.18	115.30
FT WLD LOC	136.12	136.50	135.97	123.40

London Stock Market Report

UK SHARES LANGUISH NEAR DAY'S LOWS IN LATE TRADING

LONDON, MAY 31, REUTER - SHARE PRICES IN LATE TRADING LANGUISHED NEAR THE DAY'S LOWS AS STERLING'S LOSSES AGAINST THE MARK HIGHLIGHTED CONCERNS OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF AN IMMINENT FURTHER RISE IN CURRENT 14 PCT U.K. BASE RATES, DEALERS SAID.

FEARS CENTRE ON THE LIKELIHOOD OF FURTHER DECLINES IN THE POUND SHOULD THE WEST GERMAN BUNDESBANK RAISE ITS INTEREST RATES FOLLOWING THURSDAY'S ROUTINE MEETING. SPECULATION ON SUCH A RISE HAS INCREASED AFTER JAPAN RAISED ITS DISCOUNT RATE YESTERDAY.

BY 1515 GMT THE FTSE INDEX WAS 16.6 POINTS DOWN AT 2,113.4, AFTER A LOW ON THE DAY OF 2,107.7.

STERLING CLOSED WITH A LOSS OF TWO BASIS POINTS TO A TRADE WEIGHTED 92.3. IT SHOWED A NEAR 1-1/2 CENT GAIN AGAINST THE DOLLAR BUT LOST JUST OVER TWO PENNINGS AGAINST THE MARK AT 3.1137.

THE BENCHMARK THREE MONTH STERLING INTERBANK RATE WAS 3/16 POINT HIGHER AT 14-3/8 5/16 PCT.

DEALERS SAID OPINION ON WHETHER THE BUNDESBANK WILL RAISE INTEREST RATES APPEARS TO BE WEIGHED TOWARDS SUCH A MOVE. MANY OBSERVERS FEEL THAT THE PRIME CONCERN FOR THE WEST GERMAN AUTHORITIES WILL BE FEARS OF HIGHER INFLATIONARY PRESSURES.

London Gold

LONDON, MAY 31, REUTER - GOLD BULLION PRICES EDGED UP FROM MID-AFTERNOON LOWS TOWARDS THE CLOSE, TAKING THEIR CUE FROM AN UPTURN IN NEW YORK, AND THE MARKET ENDED LITTLE CHANGED.

SPOT GOLD CLOSED AT 363.50/364.00 DLRs AN OUNCE, STILL BELOW THE OPENING 364.25/364.65, AND COMPARED WITH TUESDAY'S CLOSE OF 362.00/362.50 DLRs.

DEALERS SAID BUSINESS WAS ROUTINE THROUGHOUT THE DAY, WITH MOVEMENTS GENERALLY REFLECTING THE DOLLAR'S FLUCTUATIONS. BUT OVERALL SENTIMENT IS BEARISH, AND GOLD IS CURRENTLY RESPONDING MORE TO THE FIRM DOLLAR AND EASING. ANY ADVANCE ON A DOLLAR DECLINE WILL PROBABLY ENCOUNTER RESISTANCE AROUND 365 DLRs.

London Money Market

LONDON, MAY 31, REUTER - BRITISH MONEY RATES ENDED 5/16 POINT HIGHER, REFLECTING AN EXTREMELY NERVOUS MARKET'S BELIEF THAT BASE RATES COULD RISE BY ONE POINT AS SOON AS TOMORROW, AFTER LAST WEDNESDAY'S HIKE TO 14 PCT.

BY LATE AFTERNOON THE POUND WAS AGAIN TRADING NEAR ITS LOWS BELOW 3.11 MARKS, AS FOREIGN EXCHANGE DEALERS REMAINED DETERMINED TO TEST THE CURRENCY'S DOWNSIDE.

THE BENCHMARK THREE-MONTH STERLING INTERBANK WAS QUOTED AT 14-3/8 5/16 PCT, JUST OFF AN EARLIER HIGH AT 14-7/16 PCT. "14-7/16 IS EXTREMELY BEARISH. IT'S HIGH ENOUGH TO REFLECT EXPECTATIONS OF 15 PCT BASE RATES," SAID UNION DISCOUNT ECONOMIST NICK PARSONS.

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPG
1.5732/42	1.9895/05	6.7445/75	10.5920/6080	NOON
1.9818/98	3.117/131	29.40/56		FIX
1.9822/87	338.8/339.52			FIX
1.7135/7150	2.6953/6994	25.39/43		NOON
1.2410	3.5125	33.235		FIX
1.04671	0.666821	7.04238		CLSE
1.23744	0.789587	2.48577	8.41645	CLSE
224.25/55				NOON
SDR RATE	30/05/1989	OTHERS	31/05/1989	

BORTHWICK	39/0	40/0	HEMPHART	288/0	286/0	ROBINSON	493/0	492/0
BR ARROW	115/0	116/0	HESTAIR	265/0	264/0	ROCKFORD	95/0	96/0
BR ASSETS	79/0	79/0	HEYWOOD W	278/0	278/0	ROCKWARE	62/0	63/0
BR DREGG	181/0	179/0	HICKMAN	264/0	263/0	ROTHCHILD	204/0	205/0
BR VITA	259/0	258/0	HIGGS HIL	366/0	367/0	ROYCE	159/0	158/0
BRENT CHE	141/0	139/0	HIMRO CITY	40/0	40/0	RUBIN GRP	207/0	206/0
BRENT MCR	398/0	398/0	HIMRO ZOP	209/0	210/0	RUTLAND T	45/0	45/0
BRIDON	197/0	196/0	HNTR SPHR	147/0	148/0	SAGA GRP	299/0	300/0
BRITAIN SE	168/0	168/0	HOMES PR	86/0	86/0	SALE TLMY	201/0	201/0
BRITANNIC	400/0	399/0	HOMDEN GP	153/0	153/0	SALVESEN	138/0	138/0
BRIXTON E	397/0	396/0	HOPKINSON	63/0	63/0	SAVILLE G	59/0	60/0
BRN & JAC	43/0	42/0	HRY OBGS	122/0	128/0	SAVOY MA*	875/0	875/0
BROWN SHI	348/0	348/0	HY GROUP	112/0	113/0	SCMR GLOB	290/0	288/0
BRYANT GP	100/0	100/0	ICE.FZ.FD	343/0	343/0	SCOT HERT	174/0	175/0
BSE INTL	72/4	72/4	IMRY M.DV	469/0	468/0	SCOT I.T.I.	155/0	155/0
BSR INTL	60/0	60/0	INOPNDT W	15/0	15/0	SCOT NET	162/0	163/0
BUDGENS	110/0	109/0	INOCO PLC	31/4	32/0	SCOT MORT	126/0	126/0
BULLDOG	193/0	192/0	INT.BU.CH	147/0	147/0	SCOT.AN.I	112/2	112/2
BULMER BP	168/0	170/0	INT.CITY	57/0	58/0	SCY NAT C	51/0	50/0
CARD GRP	505/0	505/0	JHMS&PR	56/4	56/4	SCY NAT I	96/4	96/4
CALENDONIA	374/0	372/0	JS HLDS	150/0	150/0	SCY NAT V	13/0	13/0
CAMP ELEC	217/0	217/0	KALAMAZOO	26/4	26/0	SECS TST	124/4	124/0
CAMPB E	27/0	27/0	KALON GRP	39/4	40/0	SELCTV 1P	17/0	17/0
CANNING W	264/0	264/0	KELT EMGY	56/4	57/0	SEMA GRP	321/0	320/0
CANNON ST	223/0	221/0	KETSON	12/0	13/0	SHANDWICK	142/0	143/0
CAP.RADIO	842/0	842/0	KLMRT CHR	146/0	146/0	SHERATON S	87/0	88/0
CARADON	340/0	339/0	KLMTY O'S	156/0	156/0	SHIRE INV	252/0	252/0
CARLCO EN	155/0	155/0	KLMTY SHL	188/0	187/0	SIMON ENG	391/0	390/0
CAYTLE HD	73/0	73/0	KMKI SAVE	468/0	468/0	SINGER&F	74/0	74/0
CAULDON	15/0	15/0	KMT-FIT	106/0	106/0	SMITH D	300/0	301/0
CENTL ITV	776/0	776/0	KLING L.A.I	353/0	353/0	SPRND DIF	22/0	22/0
CENR	213/0	213/0	LAINE ORD	35/0	35/0	SPRND	237/0	236/0
CHARTERVA	21/0	21/0	LAINE PRP	514/0	513/0	SPRX-ARC	237/0	236/0
CHLORIDE	41/0	41/0	LAIRD GRP	272/0	271/0	ST.ANDREW	218/0	218/0
CHRYSTIE	270/0	265/0	LAIRNCE W	148/0	148/0	ST.MOVEN	39/0	39/0
CIG GROUP	56/0	56/0	LON & NET	182/0	182/0	STAKIS	104/0	104/0
CITAFORM	304.0	300.0	LON ATLAN	313/0	312/0	STEETLEY	458/0	456/0
CNTRL SEC	62/0	62/0	LON INTL	219/0	218/0	STREND PR	210/0	210/0
CNTRL OIL	187/0	186/0	LON UDT	49/0	50/0	STODDARD	45/0	45/0
COALITE	449/0	443/0	LND&EDIN	143/0	142/0	STORMHAR	20/4	20/4
COATES BR	276/0	277/0	LEISURE I	85/0	85/0	STURGE HD	233/0	232/0
COLORADO	155/0	155/0	LEP GROUP	166/0	166/0	T.I.P. BU	164/0	165/0
CONNELLS	230/0	230/0	LIF SERVC	376/0	378/0	TELEMETRX	41/0	41/0
COOPER F	147/0	147/0	LIFE SCIE	83/0	83/0	TEMPLE BA	249/0	248/0
COSTAIN	350/0	348/0	LILLY FJ	72/0	71/4	THAMES TV	486/0	487/0
COURTS FR	194/0	193/0	LIT	136/0	136/0	THORNTONS	150/0	150/0
COMIE (T)	133/0	136/0	LLOYD THP	220/0	220/0	THROGMTN	88/4	88/0
CRH	192/0	192/0	LOGICA	359/0	358/0	TIE RACK	72/0	72/0
CRODA INT	197/0	197/0	LOWELL HD	265/0	265/0	TILBURY	528/0	523/0
CRYSTALAT	131/0	131/0	LOW (WM)	274/0	274/0	TIME PROD	240/0	240/0
CTR PRP	227/0	225/0	LOWBONNER	217/0	218/0	TIME CO	489/0	490/0
CYBER	164/0	164/0	M&G GROUP	328/0	327/0	TOKTMS F	312/0	312/0
DAVID GED	31/2	31/0	M.C.PACIF	238/0	237/0	TOTAL	126/0	127/0
DAVY CORP	248/0	247/0	M.C.FARLANE	228/0	228/0	TOZER K&N	109/0	110/0
DAMSON GP	162/0	162/0	MACFARLEE	228/0	228/0	TR CITY	91/4	91/4
DELTA GRP	325/0	324/0	MAI	95/0	93/0	TR PACIFIC	86/4	85/4
DEVENISH	306/0	305/0	MAJEDIE	243/0	243/0	TR PROPTY	61/0	61/0
DEVERIST	43/4	43/0	MANDERS	215/0	216/0	TR TRSTEE	152/4	152/0
DIPLOMA	223/0	222/0	MARLEY	152/0	151/0	TRIMCO	40/4	40/4
DOBSON PK	98/0	97/4	MATTHEWS	62/0	62/0	TRIPLEX	164/0	165/0
DOMPAS GR	357/0	356/0	MAUNDERS	115/0	116/0	TRITON ER	187/0	188/0
DOMINGHAM	81/0	81/0	MECKECHNE	306/0	304/0	TRSPRT DV	244/0	243/0
DONTY GRP	280/4	280/0	MENEC	246/0	245/0	TV SV HLD	90/0	90/0
DRAYTON F	424/0	423/0	MENZIES	345/0	347/0	TVS ENTER	312/0	310/0
DRAYTON C	539/0	538/0	MERCH. TST	180/4	180/4	U-BORLAND	75/0	73/0
DRG	503/0	501/0	MERLIN IN	98/0	98/0	U-BRD ST	39/0	39/0
DUNDEMIKT	75/0	76/0	METAL CLS	180/0	180/0	U-BROADHLL	215/0	215/0
DUNHILL	330/0	330/0	METALRAX	100/0	101/0	U-CITYVSN	173/0	173/0
DUNNELL	322/0	322/0	MEYER INT	394/0	391/0	U-CLUFF	77/0	78/0
EDINVEST	17/0	17/0	METZGER	249/0	249/0	U-DEANBO	209/0	208/0
EDIN I.T	196/4	196/0	MIL CHLDS	121/0	121/0	U-DEMY W	119/0	118/0
EDMOND HD	44/4	44/4	MINT HLGST	184/0	183/0	U-DURNAN	55/0	55/0
ELECTRA	289/0	289/0	MOLINS CR	200.0	205.0	U-EDC	43/0	43/0
ELECTROCOM	203/0	203/0	MONKS IT	272/0	271/0	U-FERRARI	10/6	10/6
ENAP	247/0	246/0	MORGAN GR	281/0	280/0	U-FLOYD E	21/6	22/0
ENESS	461/0	460/0	MORGAN GF	274/0	276/0	U-FRD SEL	113/0	112/0
EMPIRE ST	178/0	178/0	MORLAND	733/0	725/0	U-HIGH PT	240/0	241/0
ENG.INT.-J	311/0	311/0	MOUNTLEIG	158/0	158/0	U-RND HG	183/0	183/0
ETAM	184/0	185/0	MULLEN J	435/0	431/0	U-HUGHES	42/0	42/0
EURO.HOME	169/0	167/0	MURRY INCH	217/0	217/0	U-ISRAEL	22/0	22/0
EUROTHERM	297/0	298/0	MRY INTL	217/0	217/0	U-MUNICK	61/4	61/0
EURLTL YP	149/0	150/0	MS INTL	145/0	145/0	U-KONNET	27/4	27/4
EURLTL W	89/4	89/0	M.BRIT CA	430/0	429/0	U-MRRYDUN	379/0	385/0
EVODE GRP	179/4	178/0	N.ENG IND	134/0	134/0	U-M.SEAAG	44/0	44/0
EX.CO.LOU	236/0	237/0	NEL.TELCH	109/0	110/0	U-PAVTON	4/4	4/4
EXCEL	226/0	226/0	NELSON	101/0	101/0	U-RDSMTH	267/0	266/0
FEC ENTER	33/4	33/4	NORCROS	301/0	300/0	U-SAC INT	103/0	102/0
FEC EURO2	282/0	282/0	NORFOLK C	35/4	35/4	U-STH BUS	475/0	475/0
FEC PACIFIC	172/0	172/0	NORFOLKNS	59/4	59/0	U-TREMPRE	211/0	211/0
FEC SNELL	82/4	83/0	NORTHAMBR	301/0	300/0	U-TRAND	17.08	18.00
FARNCLER E	175/0	175/0	NSK PLC	98/0	98/0	U-TRINWOOD	40/4	40/4
FED.HOUSH	197/0	198/0	NURD&PCO	196/0	196/0	UNION DIS	490/0	488/0
FENNER JH	179/0	179/0	O'SEAS IT	225/0	225/0	UNITEX	354/0	352/0
FERGUSON	252/0	251/0	OCEAN TPT	331/0	330/0	UTD.INDEN	61/0	61/0
FINE ARTS	247/0	246/0	OCEANICS	28/0	28/0	UTD.SCIUS	157/0	156/0
FINLAY GP	83/0	84/0	OSSORY EST	21/0	21/0	VALUESINC	64/4	64/0
FINLAN P	110/0	111/0	OWNERS AB	78/0	79/0	VALUX GRP	290/0	288/0
FLMG TECH	191/0	192/0	OXFORD INS	229/0	230/0	VERSON	36/0	35/4
FRNDLY HD	280/0	278/0	P & O WTS	103/0	102/0	VG INSTMT	313/0	313/0
FROGHORE	506/0	506/0	P & P PLC	225/0	226/0	VICTERS	207/0	206/0
GALLIFORD	98/0	98/0	PACIFIC A	229/4	228/0	VPI GROUP	146/0	145/0
GARDNER	56/0	56/0	PAGE (M)	51/0	51/0	WADGHTN	198/0	198/0
GEELINT	276/0	276/0	PENLAND	98/0	98/0	WAGON HND	382/0	382/0
GEINT	139/0	139/0	PENLTON P	98/0	98/0	WARD HLDS	121/0	120/0
GERD&MOT	260/0	260/0	PERGARD	62/0	63/0	WARDE ST	370/0	368/0
GESTNETR	293/0	295/0	PERRY GRP	224/0	225/0	WATERED U	76/0	77/0
GOODE DUR	129/0	129/0	PERSIMMON	149/0	148/0	WATES CITY	184/0	183/0
GSP	41/0	40/0	PHONIX	80/0	81/0	WATTS B&B	339/0	340/0
GRANPH HD	227/0	226/0	PICKWICK	223/0	222/0	W&S GRP	264/0	263/0
GREEN KNG	512/0	513/0	POWELL DU	384/0	385/0	WEIR GRP	283/0	283/0
GREENLAW	295/0	294/0	PRESTWICK	111/0	112/0	WEMBLEY	118/0	118/0
GREYCAUD	498/0	498/0	PRIEST (B)	23/2	23/0	WESTBURY	245/0	245/0
GRMP TV A	70/0	70/0	PRIEST MA	447/0	448/0	WESTLAND	137/0	136/0
G PTRTLND	382/0	382/0	PROPESECUR	181/0	181/0	WHENAY	133/0	133/0
GUS ORD	618/0	600/0	PROUDFOIT	275/0	276/0	WHITECROF	313/0	314/0
GVTI ORP	385/0	385/0	PROV FINL	322/0	322/0	WILSON BOW	224/0	224/0
GVTI STRA	268/0	268/0	RAINE IND	103/0	103/0	WILSON CN	168/0	168/0
H&M DIS	214/0	215/0	RANSMOS	224/0	225/0	WOLSELEY	294/0	292/0
H&M DIS	226/0	226/0	RAITHERS	236/0	236/0	WOLVEDUD	424/0	423/0
HAMMERSON	634/0	638/0	RECHAM EV	638/0	638/0	WPP GRP	608/0	673/0
HAWTHM LE	70/4	71/0	REGALON	117/0	118/0	Y&S MOTOR	644/0	664/0
HAZELWOOD	257/0	258/0	REIGHTCRST	75/0	75/0	Y&S MOTOR	333/0	334/0
HEATH(CE)	484/0	484/0	REINOLD	85/0	85/0	YOUNG B&B	350/0	348/0
HELENE PL	32/0	32/4	RENTON LK	325/0	326/0	YOUNG (B)	173/0	173/0
HELICAL B	339/0	339/0						

International Bond Highlights

PARIS: The Paris Club of creditor nations has agreed to reschedule 2.6 billion dollars of Mexican debt, originally due over the next three years, over 10 years with six years grace, Jose Angel Gurria Trevino, Mexican undersecretary of International Affairs, said. The debt package includes export credit financing promises which should bolster confidence in the country, he told Reuters.

Zurich: Representatives from the Group of 10 may be more concerned about the dollar's surge than with their sole agenda item of Third World debt when they meet in Bern this Friday.

Paris: President Francois Mitterrand is to make Third World debt problems the top item on the agenda of the seven industrialized nations' summit he is to host in Paris on July 14-16, trade unionists said.

London: Tokyo Construction Co Ltd is issuing 150 million yen equity warrant bond due 1993 at par and with an indicated coupon of 4-1/2 pct lead manager Yamaichi International (Europe) Ltd.

London: OKB is issuing a 175 mln dir Eurobond due June 27, 1994 with a coupon of 9-1/4 pct and priced at 101-3/8 pct, lead manager J.P. Morgan Securities Ltd said.

London: The NSW Treasury Corp is issuing a 80 mln Australian dir Eurobond due May 1, 1993 paying a coupon of 12-1/2 pct and at 93.431 pct, lead manager Bann and Co Securities Ltd said.

Tokyo: Omron Tate Electronics Co will issue 30 billion yen in 18-year, uncollateralized, convertible bonds in the domestic market, the maker of control components said in a statement.

BOMBAY

	PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	91	90	90 NUK IRON	109	112	108.50
ACC	314	313	318	GNFC	37	36.50	37	NAT INDEX	365.94	363.80
ALEM CHEN	--	--	--	GRASIM	115.50	116.50	116.25	NIPPON	35	35
ALU NIS	--	--	--	GSFC	145	143.75	145	NOCIL	780	785
ARI FAB	--	--	--	GUJ ALKL	66.50	64	66	ORRAY	22.25	21
ASHOK LEY	79	78	79.50	GUJ HEAVY	11	10	11	OSMAL AGRO	72	70
ASIA PAINT	167.50	170	156	HIND HONDA	28	27	28	PEICO	21.50	20.50
ATLAS COP	41.50	41.50	42.50	HIND CIBA	930	940	945	PFIZER	70	68
AUTO CORP	80	76	80	HIND COCOA	102	101.25	101.25	PONDS	181.25	177.50
BAJAJ AUTO	36.75	36.50	36.65	HIND LEVER	84	83.50	84.25	PREN AUTO	52	51.50
BAK RAYON	412.50	411.25	412.50	HIND MOTOR	38.25	38.50	38.50	RANBAXY	112.50	107.50
BE BOND	143	142	143.50	HINDALCO	280	280	280	RAY WOOL	79.50	79.50
BLOK PLAST	135	142	138	HOECHST	740	740	735	RECKITT	188	187.50
BOM DYE	135	136	138	IND ORG	35	35	34	RELIANCE	114	114
BSE INDEX	695.28	692.24	692.24	IND RAYON	85	84	84	SEGA GOA	45	43.50
BURR MEL	197.50	192.50	200	INDR	291.25	291.25	287.50	SHRI FIB	87	86
CANSHARE	185	175	185	INDR	360	355	360	SIEMENS	70	69
CEN ENKA	2420	2410	2425	ITC	100	98	99	SKF	1280	1300
CEN SPG	1800	1800	1815	KJ SYN	75	74.50	75	SPIC	51	51.50
COLGATE	318.75	320	325	KIN ENGG	181.50	180	182.50	ST MILLS	255	255
CROMT GR	1125	1120	1150	KIR CLUM	75	74	75	TATA CHEM	108	108
DCM	11.50	10.50	11.50	KSB PUMPS	395	385	390	TATA OIL	65	61.25
DEEP FERT	27.50	27	27.25	L AND T	83.50	82.50	82.50	TATA POW	315	310
DUNLOP	81	78	80	LIPION	73	72	73	TELCO	767.50	770
EI HOTELS	56.50	55	56	NAC RUSSEL	117.50	116.25	112.50	THAPP AGRO	--	--
ESCORTS	62.50	62	62.50	NAD COATS	100	99	100	TISCO	1230	1222
ESKATAP	122.50	122.50	121.25	MAHINDRA	91	90	91	VAM ORG	159	158.50
ESSAR SPG	22	22	21.85	MAH SHARE	18.35	18	18.25	VARELI	26.50	25
FOOD SPL	171.25	170	170	HICO	570	570	580	VOLTAS	685	675
FORBES	47	47	48	MILKFOOD	185	187.50	195	WINCO	22.50	32.50
GAR POLY	66	67	66.75	MODI	90	84	87.50	ZENITH	60	60
GE SHIPPING	38.75	38.50	38.50	HRI LTD	375	370	375	ZUARI AGRO	65	65

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
AGG	210.0
ALIANZ VR	176.0
BADEMERK	190.0
BASF	313.5
BAYER	310.5
BAYER HYP	376.0
BAYER VER	371.0
BBC	449.0
BHF	444.0
BMW	541.5
COMMERZB	238.9
CONTI GUMM	283.0
DAMER BEN	676.5
DEUTSC BAK	533.0
DLV	539.0
DRESNER B	312.0
DT BARCOCK	171.5
FAZ INDEX	587.12
FELDMUEHL	346.5
GOLDMANN	402.0
HANSE	432.0
HOECHST AG	314.5
HOESCH	260.5
HORTEN	248.0
HUSSEL HDL	568.0
KALF SALZ	203.0
KARSTADT	518.0
KAUFHOF	474.0
KLOECK H	158.0
KLOECK W	161.0
LINDE	726.0
LUFTHANSA	180.5
MAN	299.5
MANNESMAN	245.5
MERCEDES	535.5
METALLGES	416.0
NIDORF PF	323.5
NORSK HYD	45.10
PHILIP KOM	580.0
PORESCA	758.0
PREUSSAG	271.4
RFA	293.0
RUEHMETAL	421.0
RUE P	292.5
SALAHANDER	339.0
SCHERING	666.0
SEL	307.0
SIEMENS	546.0
THYSEN	255.5
VARIA	376.0
VERA	296.0
VEN	170.0
VOLKSWAGEN	397.5

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
BAIK EA	15.90
CATWAY	9.15
CAVENISH	307
CHIEUNG K	9.00
CHINA L-P	13.20
DAIRY FARM	705
EVERGO IND	2.22
GT EAGLE	0
H S INDEX	743.87
HAECCO	19
HANG LUNG	4.85
HENDERSON	5.15
HK BANK	5.90
HK ELEC	7.50
HK GAS	18.30
HK LAND	9.20
HK TELECOM	4.92
HK-S HOTEL	5.30
HOPEWELL	2.47
HS BANK	23.60
HUTCHINSON	9.90
HYSAN DEV	1.39
JAR MAY	20.00
JSH	11.50
KIN BUS	7.40
LAI SUN	132
MEARHAM	6.80
NEW WORLD	10.30
PAUL Y CON	1.05
SHK PROP	11.30
SHUI	2.35
SHUI K	18.20
TAI CHEUNG	4.07
TV-B	1.10
UNAF	9.25
WINSOR	8.80
WORLD INTL	4.07

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
AJUNIMOTO	2760
AKAI ELEC	845
AKI	1430
ASAHI GLS	2350
ASAHI OPT	947
BANK TOKYO	1680
BRIDGESTON	1650
CAGIO COMP	1810
CHUGAI PHM	1430
CITIZEN W	1770
D-ICHI KAN	1200
DAI NIP IK	3350
DAI NIP SC	925
DAI NIP TO	2390
DAI NIP TO	1240
DAI NIP TO	1020
DAI NIP TO	1090
DAI NIP TO	2190
DAI NIP TO	2150
DAI NIP TO	2120
DAI NIP TO	2040
DAI NIP TO	1550
DAI NIP TO	3590
DAI NIP TO	4200
DAI NIP TO	1750
DAI NIP TO	1930
DAI NIP TO	1700
DAI NIP TO	2010
DAI NIP TO	2430
DAI NIP TO	3660
DAI NIP TO	1240
DAI NIP TO	16500
DAI NIP TO	1040
DAI NIP TO	2160
DAI NIP TO	4660
DAI NIP TO	1700
DAI NIP TO	1180
DAI NIP TO	1040
DAI NIP TO	1950
DAI NIP TO	1200
DAI NIP TO	1270
DAI NIP TO	5250
DAI NIP TO	1930
DAI NIP TO	2790
DAI NIP TO	2490
DAI NIP TO	0
DAI NIP TO	1150

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE UP IN LATE TRADING SURGE

TOKYO, MAY 31, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED UP IN A LATE BOOST OF INDEX-LINKED BUYING BY INVESTMENT TRUSTS, AFTER MANY INVESTORS SPENT MOST OF THE DAY BUYING MEDIUM-CAPITAL STOCKS IN SMALL LOTS, BROKERS SAID. TRADE WAS MODERATE AS THE MARKET AWAITED A SIGN THAT THE DISCOUNT RATE RISE WILL BOOST THE YEN.

"DISCOUNT RATE UNCERTAINTY HAD CLEARED," SAID CRAIG CHUDLER, SMITH NEW COURT MARKET STRATEGIST. "THE EXPECTED RATE HIKE FINALLY TOOK EFFECT, BUT IT'S NOT REALLY MAKING THE MARKETS MOVE."

THE KEY 225-SHARE NIKKEI INDEX CLOSED UP 169.86 POINTS TO 34,266.75, AFTER FALLING 83.94 POINTS ON TUESDAY.

THE CLOSE OF 34,266.75 WAS A RECORD HIGH. THE PREVIOUS RECORD CLOSE FOR THE NIKKEI INDEX WAS 34,191.62 ON MAY 26.

TURNOVER WAS ONE BILLION AGAINST 650 MLN ON TUESDAY.

THE BANK OF JAPAN RAISED THE DISCOUNT RATE 0.75 PERCENTAGE POINT TO 3.25 PCT, BUT CURRENCY RATES SHOWED LITTLE RESPONSE TO THE RISE, DESIGNED TO SHORE UP THE YEN AGAINST THE DOLLAR.

"THE RATE RISE WAS SUPPOSED TO DEFEND AGAINST INFLATION FEARS, BUT INVESTORS ARE STILL UNEASY," SAID HARUO NAKAHARA, VICE-PRESIDENT OF RESEARCH FOR PRUDENTIAL SECURITIES.

THE BROADER FIRST SECTION INDEX, OR TOPIX, CLOSED UP 14.55 POINTS TO 2,537.14 AFTER LOSING 8.68 POINTS ON TUESDAY.

RISES LED FALLS BY NINE TO FIVE, WITH 598 ISSUES HIGHER, 326 LOWER AND 167 UNCHANGED.

THE WINNERS WERE LED BY ELECTRICAL, MACHINERY, SERVICE, AUTO, ROLLING STOCK, STEEL, RETAIL, COMMUNICATIONS, PHARMACEUTICAL AND SOME MANUFACTURING SHARES.

CREDIT/LEASE, WAREHOUSE, CONSTRUCTION, NON-LIFE INSURANCE, ELECTRIC POWER, REAL ESTATE AND PULP/PAPER ISSUES LED FALLS.

THERE WAS HEAVY TRADE IN SOME MEDIUM-SIZED STOCKS WITH STRONG EARNINGS AND LOW PRICE/EARNINGS RATIOS, BROKERS SAID.

"THE BIG BROKERS ARE DESPERATELY LOOKING FOR SOME STOCKS TO PUSH," CHUDLER OF SMITH NEW COURT SAID.

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, MAY 31, REUTER - HONG KONG'S MAIN STOCKS INDICATOR TUMBLED ANOTHER 61.59 POINTS TODAY, BRINGING THE FALL SINCE THE LAST STABLE TRADING DAY ON MAY 18 TO JUST OVER 533 POINTS OR 16.29 PCT.

THE HANG SENG INDEX ENDED AT 2,743.87, DOWN 2.2 PCT.

"WE ARE STILL NO CLEARER ABOUT WHETHER THE POWER PLAYS IN CHINA ARE REALLY OVER AND SOME PEOPLE FEEL THAT IF THEY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET OUT AT A PROFIT OR MINIMAL LOSS THEY SHOULD TAKE IT," SAID A BROKER AT A LOCAL SECURITIES HOUSE.

TRADERS SAID INDEX MOVEMENTS WERE EXAGGERATED BY THE RELATIVELY THIN TURNOVER IN COMPARISON WITH LAST WEEK.

AMMAN

OPNG	CLSG
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	0.79
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	0.50
ARAB BANK	0.50
ARAB CHEMICAL DTR	3.70
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.79
ARAB INSURANCE	4.25
ARAB INT. INV/TRAD.	1.12
ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.63
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.60
ARAB JORY/INVT/BK	1.11
ARAB PAPER COM/TRD	2.37
ARAB PHARMA/MANF.	2.37
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	0.63
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	0.60
BANK OF JORDAN	1.65
BEIT AL-NAL/BEITNA	1.06
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	0.95
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	30.00
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	1.05
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	1.25
DAR JORY/INVT/INV.	0.75
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.71
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.60
GENERAL INSURANCE	4.60
GENERAL INVESTMENT	2.39
GENERAL MINING	2.63
HIMEN MINERALS	1.27
HOLY LAND INS.	2.10
IND./MATCH JEMCO	0.75
INDSTR/DEVLPT BAK	1.44
INDSTR/COM/MAJ.	1.68
INDSTR/INVT.	1.68
INTERCOM/INV.	0.75
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.13
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.13
ITEMED/PETRI/CH	0.90
J.TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.64
JERUSALEM INS.	0.80
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	1.26
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	19.00
JOR EAGLE INS.	19.50
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	25.05
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	25.05
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	1.20
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	1.22
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	2.30
JOR INS AND FIN.	2.54
JOR LEASING CORP.	1.20
JOR LIN BRICK	1.20
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.79
JOR NATIONAL BANK	0.83
JOR PAPER CARDBRDG	0.50
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	0.50
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	3.70
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	1.79
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	1.72
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	4.25
JOR SECURIT CORP	1.12
JOR SELPHO CHEM.	1.11
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	4.70
JOR WORSTED MLL	4.70
JOR. KUMAIT AGR	0.91
JOR. PETROLIUM REF	0.91
JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.45
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP	5.45
JORDAN GULF REAL	0.79
JORDAN DAIRY	0.95
JORDAN GULF BANK	0.94
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.95
JORDAN INSURANCE	0.94
JORDAN ISLAMIC BAK	0.94
JORDAN KUMAIT BAK	0.94
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.71
MACH/EQU/RENT/MAIN	0.71
MAS INDUSTRIES	0.71
MID EAST EXCHANGE	1.17
MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	1.17
MIDDEL EAST INS	2.02
MINERALS RESEARCH	2.00
NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	0.75
NAT/CABLE/ALIRE/MF	0.75
NATIONAL AHLIA INS	1.38
NATIONAL INDUSTRY	1.38
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.97
NATIONAL STEEL	0.97
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25
PETRA BANK	0.25
PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35
PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.35
PRECASIT CONCRETE	1.91
RAFA INDUSTRIAL	1.91
REAL ESTATE INV.	0.63
SHIPPING LINES	0.63
SPINNING WEAVING	1.83
THE HOUSING BANK	1.90
UNITED INSURANCE	1.21
UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND	1.21
UNIVERSAL INS.	0.65
WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.65
YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.35

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	91.50	92.00	90.00
AC-A	21.75	22.00	21.00	LC-B	29	30	30
ANS	4.10	4.15	4.10	PA-A	31	32	30
GLO	28.50	29.00	28.00	PA-B	31	32	31
PLDT	332.50	335.00	335.00	OIL SECTOR	---	---	---
KPSI-A	3.80	4.00	---	BP-A	0.014	0.015	0.014
KPSI-B	---	---	---	BP-B	0.015	0.016	0.014
SMC-A	249.00	250.00	250.00	LC-A	0.0044	0.0048	0.004
SMC-B	332.50	350.00	340.00	LC-B	0.0042	0.005	0.004
MINING SECTOR	---	---	---	OPW-A	0.046	0.047	0.047
APX-A	0.018	0.019	0.019	OPW-B	0.048	0.049	0.049
APX-B	0.019	0.02	0.019	OPW-C	0.049	0.05	0.049
AT-A	43.30	44.00	44.00	OPW-D	0.0525	0.0550	0.0525

Makati Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION				
SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
C/I	1,138,325	25,380,500	1,249.22	25.18 UP
MINING	367,136,050	12,938,100	5,250.51	126.00 UP
OIL	651,410,000	18,725,920	7.587	0.151 UP
TOTAL	1,019,684,375	58,044,520	1,042.01	21.88 UP

Computer industry

Milestone reached in China talks

WASHINGTON, May 31, (AP): China is moving to solve a major trade dispute with the United States by agreeing to provide legal protection from piracy of imported computer programmes, or software, US industry and government officials said today.

A Chinese delegation last week signed a bilateral agreement with US trade representative Carla A. Hills to cover computer programmes. By law, and indicated that by the end of this year the Beijing government would submit a copyright law for legislative approval, the US Computer and Business Equipment Manufacturers Association announced.

The industry "views this agreement with the Chinese as a landmark in US-Chinese intellectual property rights negotiations, but we are keenly aware that progress is still merely in the conceptual stage," said Oliver R. Smoot, the association's executive vice-president.

Only last February, a CBEMA statement asserted that "piracy of computer programmes is rampant" in China.

Industry officials said the agreement was concluded in Washington last Thursday. Hours later, Hills mentioned recent "significant agreements" with China, Taiwan and Colombia on copyright and patent protection issues, but still named China and seven other countries to a "priority watch list" on copyright and patent protection. It calls for intensified negotiations and review by Nov 1 of the anti-piracy safeguards.

Hills' office did not immediately comment on the industry statements. A State Department official, insisting on anonymity, described the US-China accord as a memorandum of understanding, which is less binding than a formal agreement.

Computer association officials said they understand the Thursday agreement stated off-harsher treatment for China in the US government's first application last week of the new 1988 omnibus trade act. Three countries, Japan, Brazil and India, were designated for negotiations and potential punitive tariffs for alleged unfair trade barriers.

The Chinese embassy quoted a Foreign Trade Ministry official as saying in a recent speech in northeast China that "administrative and legislative measures can be taken to protect the interest of the intellectual property rights holders."

Draft regulations on computer software protection should be ready by the end of 1989, and China's 1989 legislative programme provides for submission to the people's Congress of a draft revision of the patent law, the official, Liu Xiangong was quoted as saying.

Liu also mentioned the traditional Chinese position that intellectual property such as computer software could be protected with buyer-seller contract terms providing for confidentiality. The US side has complained this fails to prevent copying and piracy by outside parties.

Differences over customs and patent protection have kept China and the United States from making the customary five-year renewal of their science and technology agreement. Instead, they extended it for only nine months last January.

Trade zone to attract investors

LAGOS, May 31, (OPECNA): Nigeria is to implement an industrial free zone for export-oriented industries in which foreign investors can own up to 100 per cent equity, External Affairs Minister Ike Nwachukwu has announced here.

Speaking to the Association of Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture, he said that the move was aimed at attracting foreign investment and increasing foreign equity participation in the country.

The new system would take advantage of the "abundant resources and relatively cheap labour in the country for minimised production costs and profit maximisation."

The government was also considering extending the zone to foreign and indigenous investors and granting "tax holidays" on corporate income for three years with an additional two-year extension.

In addition, tax relief would be granted to companies engaged in domestic research and development.

Japanese double their financial commitment

Foreign investment in US up sharply in '88

US companies biggest investors in Japan

WASHINGTON, May 31, (UPI): Foreign investors spent an unprecedented \$65 billion in 1988 to acquire or establish business in the United States, up sharply from \$40.3 billion in 1987, with the largest investments made by the British and Japanese, the Commerce Department said today.

Japanese investors doubled their financial commitment in America last year, Canadians increased their US investments almost tenfold, and British investments in the United States rose more than 30 per cent, the department said.

As in past years, the British were the largest foreign investors in the United States, with a record \$21.5 billion in 1988, up from \$15.1 billion in 1987, the Commerce Department's Bureau of Economic Analysis said.

Of 12 major foreign investments — of \$1 billion or more each — in 1988, four were made by Britons, in insurance, publishing, construction and wholesale trade.

The Japanese were the second, with \$14.2 billion in 1988; another record, up from \$7 billion in 1987.

The BEA noted that, like the British, the Japanese made four of the 12 investments of \$1 billion or more, three in manufacturing and the fourth in services. Japanese outlays in real estate were sizeable, but reflected many smaller investments rather than a few large ones.

Canadians were third with another unprecedented sum, \$10.4 billion, up from \$1.3 billion in 1987, concentrated in retail trade and food products.

US business acquired by foreigners in 1988 had assets of \$116.7 billion, employed 643,106 workers, and owned 4 million acres of land. US business established by foreigners in 1988 had assets of \$10.1 billion, employed 33,871 workers, and owned 354,130 acres of land, according to the BEA report.

Ellen M. Herr, economist with the bureau, said last year's foreign investments followed an upward trend started in 1984 as

TOKYO, May 31, (AP): US companies were the biggest investors in Japan, while the United States was the top destination for Japanese investment overseas last year, Finance Ministry officials said today.

Investment by foreign companies in Japan jumped sharply last year, and foreign investment by Japanese companies also hit a record high, they said.

Despite the high yen, which makes investing in Japan expensive, foreign companies increased their investment in Japan

by 46.5 per cent to \$3.24 billion during the fiscal year ended March 31. US companies accounted for 54.7 per cent of the total, said a report released today by the Finance Ministry.

Investment in Japan jumped 89.1 per cent over the previous year to total \$1.77 billion, the report said.

During the same period, Japan's direct overseas investment hit a record high for the fifth year in a row, jumping 40.9 per cent in fiscal 1988 over the previous year to

\$47.02 billion, a ministry official said, citing a report released yesterday.

The United States attracted the most direct investment from Japanese companies — \$21.7 billion in fiscal 1988, up 47.6 per cent from the previous year.

A total of \$3.95 billion from Japan went to Britain during the period, up 60 per cent, while Japanese investments in the Netherlands nearly tripled to \$2.39 billion, the report said.

Ministry officials attributed the increase in Japanese direct investment overseas to expansion of overseas production by Japanese manufacturers and of overseas activities by financial and real estate companies.

The report counted as direct overseas investment any investment of more than 10 per cent in a foreign company, investment in overseas branches and expansion of Japanese subsidiaries in foreign countries, the report said.

Foreign investments decreased in services, to \$4.7 billion, from \$7.6 billion in 1987, and in real estate to \$2.8 billion from \$4.8 billion.

Other major investments in the United States during 1988 came from France, \$3.8 billion, up from \$2 billion in 1987, the Netherlands, \$1.9 billion, up from \$391 million, and Australia, \$4.2 billion, up from \$2.7 billion in 1987, according to the BEA report.

Surging dollar to be reviewed

Debt plan may take back seat to currency

Debt forgiveness

Banks look to official aid

ZURICH, May 31, (Reuters): Ministers from major industrial countries may spend more time airing worries about the surging dollar than Third World debt, their sole agenda item, when they meet in Bern this week.

The formal topic for the Group of 10's (G-10) talks tomorrow and Friday is a report on how the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank should work together to tackle debt, but officials say it offers no new policy initiatives and has already been overtaken by events.

Ministers and officials will probably use the occasion instead to talk about the dollar, whose irresistible rise on world markets this month has raised fears of a new inflationary spiral and strains on world trade.

"I could not imagine that they would not discuss developments on the currency front as well," one European monetary source said.

The Group 10 actually combines 11 countries, the United States, Britain, Japan, West Germany, France, Canada, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium, Sweden and Switzerland.

The reason for their gathering is the Dini report, named after its author, Bank of Italy Deputy Governor Lamberto Dini, who was commissioned to look at the role international agencies could play to ease the burden of Third World debt.

But US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady did just that in March when he unveiled a plan in which the IMF and bank would set aside funds to help some of world's poorest countries reduce their debts.

WASHINGTON, May 31, (AP): Commercial banks expect to hear at a meeting in Madrid, Spain, on June 7 what help they can expect from governments in reducing Third World debt, a spokesman for big banks in 39 countries told Congress yesterday.

Horst Schulmann, a West German, heads the Institute of International Finance, which represents 182 institutions, it has its headquarters in Washington.

He was testifying at a hearing on progress under the March proposal of Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady for debt reduction.

"Debt forgiveness is equivalent to foreign aid, but banks are not in the foreign aid business," Schulmann said.

"If banks are concerned about taking large losses under the Brady initiative, they will be unwilling to provide additional financing."

Third World countries owe about half their \$1.2-trillion debt to commercial banks, according to Rep. Sam Gejdenson. He chaired the hearing as head of the subcommittee on international economic policy of the foreign affairs committee in the House of Representatives.

Members of Congress and Treasury Undersecretary David Mulford have warned banks that unless they co-operate with Brady, there could be action against them from the US government.

Schulmann said the Madrid meeting will include Michel Camdessus, the Frenchman who heads the International Monetary Fund. The fund, owned by 151 governments, has promised to set aside a part of its future loans for debt reduction. Directors of its sister organisation, the World Bank, met yesterday to decide what role it will take. Barber Conable, the bank's US president, will also go to Madrid.

"We are not planning to do anything for the commercial banks," said Frank Vogl, chief spokesman for Conable.

But there are many things we want to do for our member countries," he said.

Also expected at the Madrid meeting is E. Gerald Corrigan, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The Federal Reserve system, an independent government agency, is the US Central Bank. It would have an important role in making the changes in official regulations that US banks would like to see as part of a debt-forgiveness package.

The Brady plan has been approved by the IMF board and was expected to be rubber-stamped by the World Bank this week.

That means the Dini report has been "more or less completely overtaken by the tides of history," one World Bank director said.

The document also reviews efforts now under way to tackle the more than \$3 billion in overdue loans now owed to the IMF,

Australian foreign debt soars above \$100 billion

SYDNEY, May 31, (Reuters): Australia's foreign debt soared above 100 billion dollars (\$75 billion) for the first time today adding fuel to attacks on the Labour government's handling of the economy from home and abroad.

Net foreign debt rose to a record 102.2 billion dollars (\$77.4 billion) in the first quarter of 1989 — equivalent to 31.7 per cent of gross national product or 6,450 dollars (\$4,800) for every Australian, official figures showed.

Net foreign debt, which measures total overseas debt minus reserves and lending abroad, totalled just 23 billion dollars (\$17.5 billion) when Labour came to power in March 1983.

The government, while agreeing the figures were a matter for concern, was quick to point out that companies outside government control had built the foundations of the debt mountain.

"It must be realised that 61 per cent of foreign debt was owed by the private sector, 14 per cent by the state governments and 25 per cent by government authorities. The federal government has no net debt," Prime Minister Bob Hawke told journalists.

The figures, at the top end of market expectations, had little immediate effect on the Australian dollar which hovered around 74.80 US cents in volatile trading.

The dollar, which has fallen about 15 cents in four months amid concern over Australia's trade deficit and debt problems, collapsed 2.5 cents early on Monday after Moody's credit agency warned it might downgrade the country's rating.

Treasurer Paul Keating, the government's economic architect, scoffed last night at opposition demands that the return from an international financial conference in Paris to put the country's affairs in order.

"Should I stay at home and wring my hands and say 'what should we do?' when the policy settings are in place?" asked Keating, attending a meeting of the Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Other ministers queried the US agency's competence, claiming Moody's statement was inspired by politics and a desire to get even after Keating called Moody's incompetent for its first downgrading of Australia in September 1986.

On Tuesday Moody's said it would speed up its review of Australia's AA-1 rating, the second highest it grants, because it was "chagrined" the possible downgrade had become a political football.

Fed reluctant to ease credit

Bid to curb dollar rise

NEW YORK, May 31, (Reuters): The Federal Reserve is reluctant to loosen its monetary policy to restrain the dollar's rise, particularly as the battle to curb domestic inflation has not yet been won, analysts said.

"The Fed achieved just above what they feel is the right balance with the domestic economy and now they are being pressured from the international side to change it," said Robert Hormatz, vice-chairman of Goldman Sachs International.

With inflation running near six per cent annually, domestic considerations are the US central bank's key motivator, analysts said.

"I would strongly argue against any fundamental Fed policy easing until it can be justified for domestic reasons, particularly inflation reasons," said David Jones, an economist with Aubrey G. Lanston Co.

Nevertheless, by raising their own rates, key US trading partners are intensifying the pressure on the Fed to reduce interest rates and hold back the dollar, which has surged in recent weeks to its highest level in two-and-a-half years against the mark and in one-and-a-half years against the yen.

The latest move came from the Bank of Japan, which on Tuesday said it would raise its discount rate 0.75 percentage point to 3.25 per cent, effective today. The move, widely expected, is seen as a reaction to inflation worries as well as a deteriorating yen.

Tough new policy

US-Japan trade friction grows

PARIS, May 31, (Reuters): The United States has begun to drive home a tough new international trade policy in a bid to open up fresh export markets despite growing friction with Japan and major Western allies.

US trade negotiator Carla Hills has shown no sign of softening Washington's hardline stance in talks with Japanese officials here and could draw heavy fire today as the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) starts its annual meeting.

The looming trade row looked set to dominate the two days of talks among trade, economy and finance ministers, along with widespread concern that policy-makers have yet to find a way of reversing the dollar's surge this year.

The US currency's persistent strength, shuffling off a 3/4 percentage point rise in Tokyo's official discount rate yesterday, has posed a dilemma for all major trading nations.

It has pushed up import prices in Europe and Japan and at a time when organisations such as the OECD are projecting increasing inflation, while it has given a fresh boost to already strong protectionist pressures in the US Congress.

"I think currencies are going the wrong way considering the fundamentals," said Australian treasurer Paul Keating.

Hills, who took office this year as trade representative, arrived in Paris to strong criticism from Washington's trading partners after her decision last Thursday to name Japan, India and Brazil as nations pursuing unfair trade practices.

Japan and several European countries argue that her move, under the 1988 US trade act, goes against the spirit of international negotiations and threatens to subvert the work of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), the global trade body.

Those complaints are expected to be voiced loudly in public today when ministers deliver speeches to a plenary session of the 24-nation OECD and in private bilateral meetings.

But preliminary talks between Hills and Japanese Trade Minister Hiroshi Mitsuoka yesterday showed no easing on her stance.

"This US administration will use all of its trade policy tools, including those that Congress has insisted that we use in the 1988 trade act," Hills told reporters after the talks.

Washington argues that it is fighting to open up Japanese markets for supercomputers, forestry products and satellites for the good of all trading nations. If negotiations fail to overcome barriers, the trade act requires sanctions.

hands-off attitude that has become its trademark over the past few years. "The government must show how the future will be... it is trying to show such things. President Roh Tae-Woo has a very strong will to overcome these problems," said Agn Chong-Gun, deputy director at the MOL's labour policy division.

But, he said, if the strikes continue, "I think we do not have any special measures. We must regard such strikes as the work of labour and management."

Trade unions say most workers make well over the minimum wage but say many firms still violate standards. They also say the working week is much longer than officially stated.

"It's very difficult to achieve liveable wages — it would mean a 100 per cent increase. We are working step by step."

Mexico to reply to bank plan to cut debt

NEW YORK, May 31, (Reuters): Mexican officials will meet commercial bank creditors later this week to discuss a bank proposal to cut its debt by about 20 per cent, bankers close to the negotiations said yesterday.

Mexico, with over \$100 billion in foreign debt, is the Third World's largest debtor after Brazil. The banks' debt reduction proposal "certainly feel short of what Mexico thinks is adequate," one banker said.

Mexico had originally requested a 55 per cent reduction in some of its existing debt, bringing the value of the debt closer to its secondary market value — about 40 cents on the dollar yesterday.

"They (Mexico) want a 55 per cent reduction, and in the best of worlds we want a 15 per cent reduction," one banker said. "We have to negotiate a compromise. That is what they are coming back for."

Talks between Mexico's delegation and the banks will resume today or tomorrow, a meeting of the full bank advisory committee and the Mexican delegation is expected this evening at the earliest, bankers said.

Angel Gurría, Mexico's chief debt negotiator and under-secretary at the Ministry of Finance, met Western creditors in Paris at the weekend, bankers said.

He was expected to return to New York last night or today, having discussed the banks' proposal with Finance Minister Pedro Aspe.

Mexico may be forced into a major currency devaluation if it can't agree with commercial bank creditors on a new foreign debt package by mid-June, banking analysts said in London.

Economists fear Mexican nationals, who hold an estimated \$40 billion of domestic assets, will begin shifting investments abroad if no sign of progress appears soon.

"If just 10 per cent of those holdings were sent out of Mexico, it would wipe out the country's foreign exchange reserves and the government would not be able to defend the peso," said an analyst with a Latin American development bank.

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'Made in Italy' a way of life

Italian fashion comes of age

IN the end it wasn't the Italians who miraculously healed the national clothing industry. On the contrary. The tonic treatment, the impulse came from the wardrobes of the Germans, Americans, French, Swiss, English, Dutch and Japanese, which were thrown open and filled up by the "made in Italy" mark.

It was a long march, the export one. Ten high-fashion signatures who up to then had been dominated by Paris started it off (Simonetta, Fontana, Fabiani, Antonelli, Schuberth, Carosa, Marucelli, Veneziani, Nobiasco and Wanda), and 4 leading lights on the pre-a-porter, knitwear and boutique front (Emilio Pucci, Baroness Gallotti, who was called the "Weaver of Capri", Avolio and Bertoli). Giovan Battista Giorgini was the person who convinced them that it would be profitable to throw off the Parisian yoke, to create models as Italian as possible, and to aim at foreign markets. Giorgini was a gentleman of the old school who, as a buyer for American shops and department stores, seasoned his work with passion and faith in the Italian output.

It was 12 February 1951. Those 14 converts to Italian fashion gave a show in Giorgini's Florentine home, in front of a handful of American buyers.

The idea caught on. The bunch became bigger each year: Capucci, Irene Galitzine, Forquet, Mirsa, Krizia, Missoni, Lancetti, Mita Schon. There was to be no dispersion, feuds between Florence and Rome. But it was the sign that there really was an Italian fashion which also showed up as balances, foreign sales and profits.

The "made in Italy" adventure had taken off. It never looked back and it made a great leap with the launching of the decision of its leading actors to move their shows to Milan. The first to do it was Walter Albini, in 1972. He was followed by Ken Scott, Cadette, Krizia and Missoni, for whom the Florence platform had become too small and seemed too crowded. Milan, where Armani was emerging and Versace was in gestation, attracted "signatures" from Florence.

The designers put on their collections all over, in hotels, showrooms and old restaurants. It was a rather precarious geography but logistically strategic because of the alliance between design and industry, because of the services.

Success. The success was enormous and it exploded in 1978, when the runways of ready-to-wear fashion were concentrated in one single pole, "Milan Collections", flanked by Modigliani for the boutiques and the second lines and by "Milan Sells Fashion". Paris' monopoly was by now just a memory. Its supremacy was first equalled and then overtaken. The Italian look was no longer a wager. From the middle of the Seventies, the long march of export became a gallop, a spring forward.

In 1974, only 14.2 per cent of total sales in the woven clothing trade were placed on foreign markets (Chart 1). Four years later, they had more than doubled: 33.5 per cent. In 1979 they counted for 34.4 per cent. In 1980 there was a volteface of six and a half points. But, three years later, exports represented 36.9 per cent of sales revenue for a value of 3,465 billion lire: 15 per cent more than the previous year. The ascent continued in 1984 and 1985: 37.2 per cent and 40.2 per cent of the global turnover. In 1986, despite the fall of the dollar which penalised us with regards to competition, the export per cent reached 40.8 with an 8.1 increase in value and 9.3 in quantity with respect to the boom of 1985. The credit balance came to over 4,000 billion lire: an important item among the few credit ones in the balance of trade, an income which compensated for the oil deficit.

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regards to the wallet, of this reality, you only have to recall that in 1970 we exported dresses, jackets, trousers, skirts, suits, shirts and corsetry for about 138 billion lire. Sixteen years later, those billions became five thousand. From 1976 to 1986 our foreign sales grew at an annual rate of 23.5 per cent, with an increase of 72.3 per cent, 441 per cent in real terms.

There's a comparison which can help to grasp the dimensions of the phenomenon. The United States export in a year what we export in two months.

One can really speak of a miracle. If one wasn't aware of the work, effort, anguish and entrepreneurial courage which lie behind the economic data, the statistical tables and the percentages, the image could be that of someone terminally ill, whom the water of Lourdes has cured and magnificently restored to life. The clothing industry was certainly sick, and seriously so.

The experts judged it to be exhausted, a mature sector, they said. And there was no magic wand. The miracle consisted of many elements: a mosaic with many tesserae and a scenario which had rendered certain paths and certain choices compulsory.

"Domestic difficulties pushed the better equipped firms towards exports," explains Adriano Benvenuto, secretary general of the Association of Clothing Industrialists, "the home market was saturated. Consumption was dropping. Imports at rockbottom prices from Korea and Taiwan pushed out our low-range production."

The competition of certain clothing manufacturers, which the state had rescued, distorted the market. They sold at low prices in order to keep afloat. There was a ridiculous oversupply situation. The only thing to do was to find outlets abroad, stepping up an export trade which until then had been embryonal and

pioneering.

The cost of a labour, which was already one of the highest of European countries, forced us to find those outlets in the high and medium-high consumption ranges, because otherwise we would not have been competitive.

This meant that the fashion content became all important, because of the alliance between the industry and the designers who were emerging, such as Armani, Versace and Ferre or those who were already high-fashion names such as Valentino.

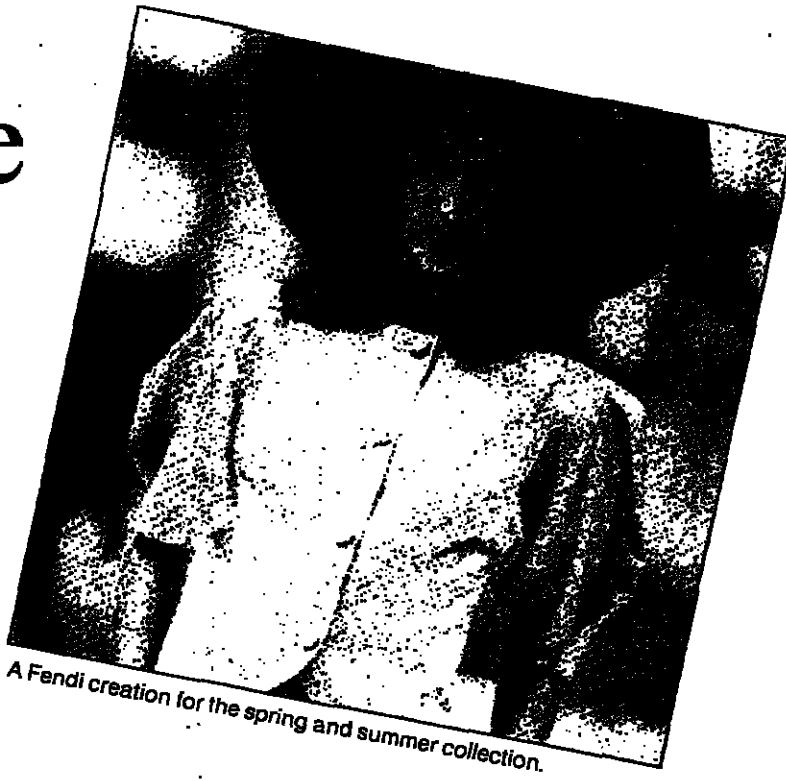
Clothing manufacturers also started to pay close attention to the fashion factor, to creativity.

This implied a radical policy of quality, encouraged by a top-rate industrial system of great value and ancient tradition: the textile one.

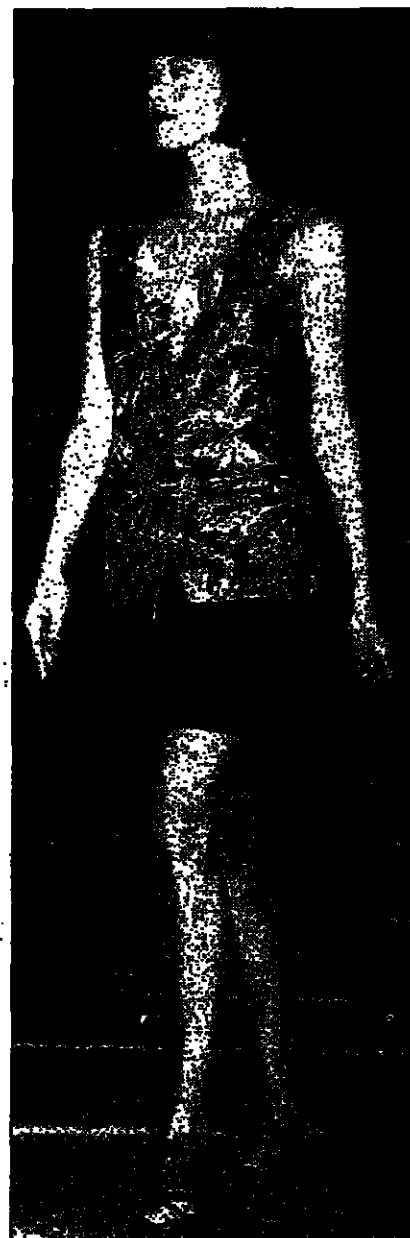
We already had an excellent foundation for constructing the export skyscraper. Just think of Biella, and Prato for wool. Just think of the silk town of Como which is unrivalled in Europe, because the French have let Lyons collapse. Textiles are the basis of the "made in Italy" business, the lymph of the fashion system. Our strength lies in the complete cycle: spinning, finishing, dyeing and printing, weaving and making-up. And this also applies to knitwear. A continuous cycle, without weak points, complete in all its links. Which also guarantees flexibility, an essential entrepreneurial element for rapidly adapting production to the trends and metamorphoses of the world market.

But you had to know what you were about and have courage and managerial inventiveness. In the Seventies, our European competitors had been slow to move forward, short-sighted about the need for innovation, by now imperative in order to come out of the crisis and look to the future. Their lack of ability or will to innovate worked very much to our advantage. At the end of Seventies, we started to reap the benefits of this gap, which was not so much technological, but rather involving strategy and organisation of work, of output.

In 1979, the Italian clothing industry had a work force of 219 thousand (the figure refers to firms with over 20 employees), and had a 6 billion dollar turnover with exports of more than 2 billion. West Germany had 257 thousand employees and an almost 11 billion dollar turnover, but its exports were much below ours with a billion, 690 million dollars. The same force of 271 thousand, had a turnover almost equal to ours, but sold about half what we did abroad. In 1982, Italy exported men's clothing for 870 EUA (European unit of account equal to 1315 lire), against Germany's 399, France's 280 and Great Britain's 256. In women's clothing we were beaten by a short neck by Germany



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(878 million EUA against Italy's 815,) but we left France, with its past supremacy in this sector, far behind.

This slight difference in the market between men's and women's fashion is a constant in our exports. It was only in 1986 that it was reversed. But it's too soon to say if this trend will be consolidated. Historically, men have had the lion's share, with an increase of 1657 per cent and 1127 in real terms from 1971 to 1985.

However, Italian clothing taken as a whole (male and female fashion, underwear and accessories) has long been at the head of European exports.

Fifth largest supplier

Italian presence in Kuwait strong

By Roberto Luongo

Italian Trade Commissioner

FOLLOWING the moderate expansion of the Kuwaiti economy in 1988, Italy, has reaffirmed its position as the fifth largest supplier to Kuwait, with exports totalling \$323 million with an increase of 7.6 per cent in respect the previous year 1987.

Italy's share of the Kuwaiti market in 1988 stood at 6.5 per cent. The value of its imports from Kuwait, mostly crude oil and gas, has reached \$468 million (-51 per cent respect 1987).

The main Italian exports to Kuwait are gold, jewellery, machinery, furniture, shoes, clothing, marble, building materials, bathroom accessories and leisure boats.

But looking around in the main streets of Kuwait City and Salmiya or in the main commercial centres, it is possible to find everywhere the "Made in Italy" tag which suggests that is not only a product but mostly a style of life — the Italian style of life that is gaining prominence all over the world. Who doesn't know about Ferre, Armani, Versace, Valentino, Krizia, Missoni and other designers, stylists, artists, artisans in all the sectors, that have successfully supported and developed the Italian industry?

It's important also to underline the fact that Italy in the last decades, has developed enormously the industrial sector especially in the advanced technologies like process control systems and computerised systems for factory automation. It has also shown significant increases in sectors other than "traditional" or the "mature", as in the case of electrical machines, in which Italy is in the vanguard. Specialisation has also improved considerably in some sectors in which, on the whole, it was not so successful in the past. These are the sectors of machine equipment, machine tools, machines for textiles, for agriculture, for packing, for rubber processing and equipment for telecommunications.

This clear improvement in the industrial field has led Italy to be among the selected group of the most industrialised countries of the world (the G-7). Now it is preparing itself for the 1992 rendezvous when the European Union will be realised.

In this frame, Italy's relations with Kuwait, should not be seen only in what the trade figures represent, but also in the strong economic cooperation established between the two countries.

Italy is particularly involved in Kuwait's industrialisation and several projects, also on a joint-venture basis, have been executed by Italian companies. Meanwhile, Kuwait, through the Kuwait Petroleum Italia and the Q8 brand has improved its presence in Italy in the important oil field.

Other sectors, in which Italy and Kuwait are improving their relations are investment and finance. Italy is an important European financial centre, and there are several opportunities for the Kuwaiti financial institutions or businessmen to invest there. Industry, agriculture, tourism and real estate give a great range of choices. Kuwaiti investors can count on Italian financial intermediaries and banks that are available to give them the necessary support.

Italy and Kuwait are two friendly countries that are working together to strengthen further on their economic relations.



Clothing is an important Italian export to Kuwait.



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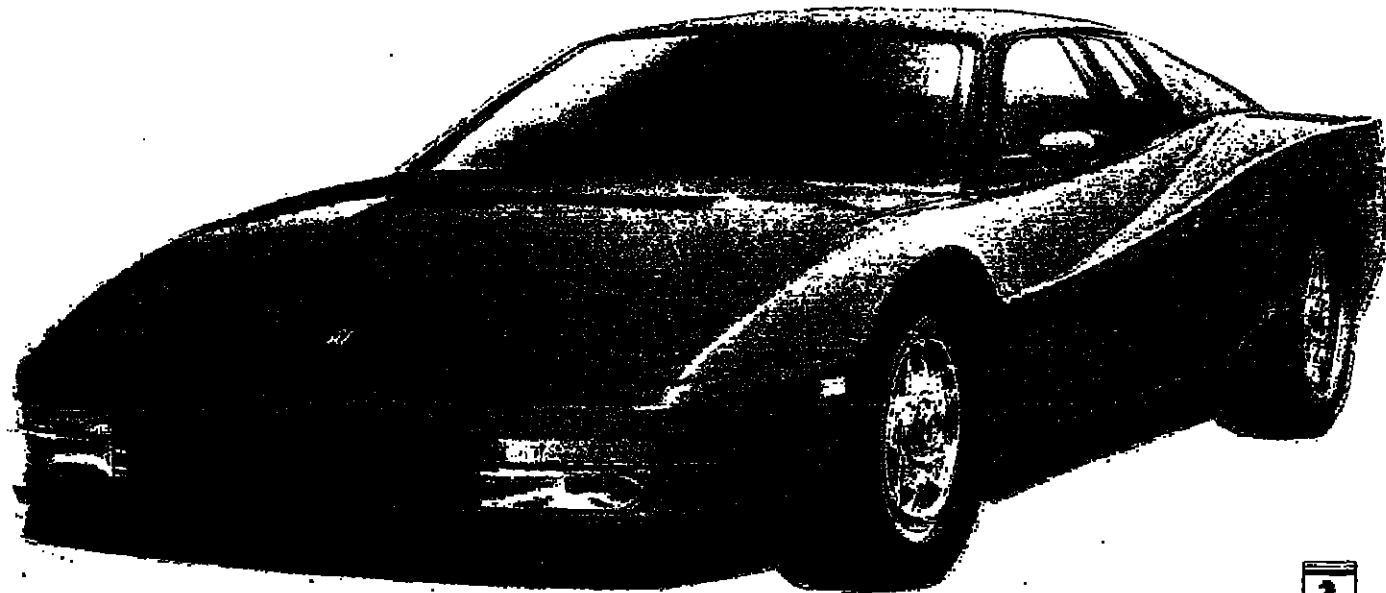
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Impressive estimates for World Cup in Italy



TWO million six hundred thousand ticket holders. Sixteen million television viewers. These impressive estimates for the 52 matches of the Italia '90 World Cup highlight one of the key novelties of the 1980s: the rate of growth of the football industry, the most popular spectator sport of the modern age. In November 1988 FIFA directors met in Zurich to decide on prices and sales outlets for tickets to the forthcoming world championship, a job made complicated by the different nature of markets around the world. If tickets are sold out, total earnings will amount to more than US \$140 million gross, according to estimates produced after the FIFA meeting by Italy's Banca Nazionale del Lavoro. The Rome final will net the biggest sum ever registered for a single sporting event, with the 70,673 tickets bringing in US\$6.2 million.

Though dwarfed by the huge sums involved in TV coverage, these are impressive figures — and rightly so. Televised sport is after all only a substitute for the real thing. This is especially true of an event like the World Cup, with the higher-than-average excitement quotient given by sudden death eliminations.

The high-voltage atmosphere of knockout competition has its energy sapped by the tube. Television highlights good and bad technique, but fails to capture emotion. Soccer thrives in its natural habitat, where the on-field action is made more gripping by the chants and displays of the rival fans. In fact, it is often the stage offered by the World Cup that stimulates the fans to invent ever more spectacular forms of support, like the famous Mexican 'wave', first seen during the World Cup there in 1986, and since exported all over the sporting world.

The purchasers of those two million six hundred thousand tickets represent, therefore, a vital element of the 1990 World Cup. From June 8 to July 8, 1990 soccer aficionados from all over the world will converge on Italy for the big event. It's now up to the organisers of the 1990 Italian championship to put together a mass happening capable of defying hooligans and the violent element which brings soccer into disrepute.

Italy to host World Cup in 1990

Soccer: Italy's magnificent obsession

By Antonio Ghirelli

FROM its beginnings, as a largely British import practised by middle-class amateurs, to its present billion-dollar, megahyped form, Italian football has assumed, chameleon-like, different colours.

It is no secret that football and other sports were exported from Britain, together with the industrial products on which her prosperity depended.

The official history of the oldest British club in Italy dates back to 1893, when the oddity-named "Genoa Cricket and Athletic Club" was founded by the more refined members of the British colony there.

It was only a few years later, after protests from clerics in the port shipping companies and engineers working on the Ventimiglia-Rome railway, that it became the "Genoa Cricket and Football Club".

From the beginning, however, locals were also allowed to play, provided they dressed like gentlemen, tie and cap included.

Though soccer, and the ball itself, were of British provenance, Italians took to the game with alacrity. The numerous athletic clubs in Piedmont already had football teams in the 1880s, while the first official Italian club was the International Football Club of Turin, founded, before Genoa, in 1891.

Soccer in Italy really got off the ground in 1898, when these two clubs decided to start an Italian championship, at first confined to Liguria, then extended to Lombardy (AC Milan was founded in 1900, with a strong Continental contingent) and the Veneto. Players were mainly middle-class and imbued with the amateur ethos, though passions ran ever higher among younger players and spectators of all ages. Foreign influence remained strong, with numerous English and Continental players and coaches spreading the game to Palermo, Naples and Rome, in friendly challenge tournaments, or following the same routes as trade goods.

Soccer for the masses
It was the First World War that transformed football into a phenomenon of mass appeal.

The awesome impact of the conflict blew the existing social fabric to smithereens.

Persons were called up to fight in the front line, far away

from their fields, and women were employed for the first time in factories and public services.

At the same time, society's economic basis started going through an upheaval matched only by the Industrial Revolution at the start of the modern era. In Chicago, Henry Ford had created the first mass production lines for cars; mass production techniques with all the social consequences they entail, soon started rippling through the Italian world of craftwork and artisans in a process that is continuing to the present day.

A new mass culture sprang up, and sport became an integral part of it, whether as individual exercise or large-scale spectacle. It was soccer that soon revealed itself as the popular spectator sport par excellence.

Phenomenon

Mussolini, the one-time socialist, realised the importance of the phenomenon and, neo-reactionary that he now was, resolved to use it as an instrument of his activist, militaristic and imperialistic propaganda. A new national championship was set up, stadiums were built, the sport expanded enormously. The energies poured into soccer by the regime soon made the Italian team into a high-performance machine, running on the high-octane fuel of national sentiment.

World Cup winners in 1934, Olympic champions in 1936 in Berlin, in 1938 Italy repeated in Paris the success it had achieved four years earlier in Rome. Public enthusiasm, sent skyhigh by these extraordinary exploits and by the stirring spectacles offered by the leading clubs (great teams like Juventus, Ambrosiana Inter, Bologna, Roma and Napoli), was fanned by the press and the new mass medium beginning to enter homes in the Thirties, radio. Match commentaries assumed fairy-tale or mythic proportions in the hands of the inimitable Nicolo Carosio.

Although the Fascist regime used sport as propaganda for its ruinous creed, it also established the game both on an organisational level and in the hearts and minds of the public. The tragic debacle of the Second World War destroyed the structures that had been so patiently built up by the Italian League and by CONI, the Italian



National Olympic Committee.

The foundations were still standing, though, and the interest of the man in the street was as strong as ever. With this to build on, recovery was swift, but it was not so easy to defend the sporting world (especially sports like boxing, cycling and soccer) from the grasping attentions of the nouveaux riches and from speculation on the part of the shady breed of business operators now thronging the back rooms of football clubs.

The government's lack of concern for sport was highlighted by CONI's having to finance itself with the proceeds from the state football pools. Commercialisation was given free rein, with all the advantages, drawbacks, glitter and tinsel it entailed. If the spectacle was enhanced, ideals were sacrificed, much as happened in other areas of "show business." Structures remained solid, however, growing ever stronger and more extensive as media advances magnified the appeal of international competition, at club level, too — the popular impact of the European Cup is a striking example.

The fourth stage in the history of Italian soccer started in the Seventies and is still with us: the 1990 World Cup will hopefully see its apotheosis. It has been marked by two developments which are perhaps having an even more revolutionary effect on Italian sport than the First World War: the pervading influence of TV, and the consequent encroachment of advertising, particularly in the shape of sponsorship of teams or players.

On the legislative side, a third novelty has radically altered the

relationship between players and clubs: the abolition of the so-called "life contract" which tied a player to a club much as a slave to his master (though of course it protected the interests of clubs who carefully nurtured talent, and kept transfer fees unnaturally low).

Today, TV, sponsors and freedom of contract have combined with almost limitless mobility across frontiers to give the game an even more spectacular dimension; the memories of pre-war players fade, their names are those of shades, Homeric heroes.

Italian FA: ninety-year success story

NINETY years of soccer story mirror ninety years of Italian life. The game has always expressed the country's changing moods, sometimes even providing a first pointer to the direction the country as a whole is going.

Italian soccer has always been part of a larger reality. It has grown as Italy has, with excesses and contradictions spawned along the path to progress and international prestige, to reach its present form: a great mass phenomenon of economic, social and sporting importance.

The Italian soccer world boasts a striking record for sport, with a population of almost three million inhabitants (fully paid-up players today number some 2,915,535), meaning that one Italian in thirty belongs to an officially registered club — not to mention the incalculable numbers of purely amateur players.

The first championship, played out on a small field on the outskirts of Turin in 1898, lasted the space of a single day — semifinals in the morning, final (won by Genoa) in the afternoon.

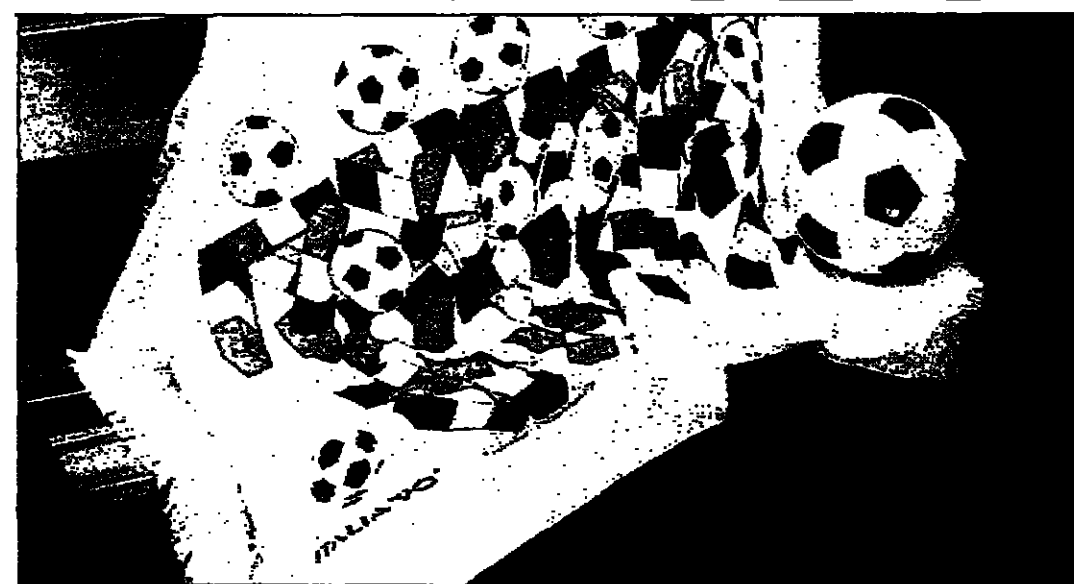
Today, ninety years on, 800,000 matches are played each season in the various senior and junior championships, and the average Italian, according to recent figures, has to see a match three times a year.

As to achievements on the field of play, three World Cups (1934, 1938 and 1982), an Olympic title in 1936, the European Championship in 1968 and no fewer than 14 international trophies at club level make up a sizeable booty.

As it passes the ninety-year mark, Italian soccer is showing renewed vigour, under the guidance of its governing body, FIGC (the Italian Football Association).

After two years' provisional management, this organ is again functioning as it should, showing considerable courage, energy and hard work in tackling the game's perennial problems.

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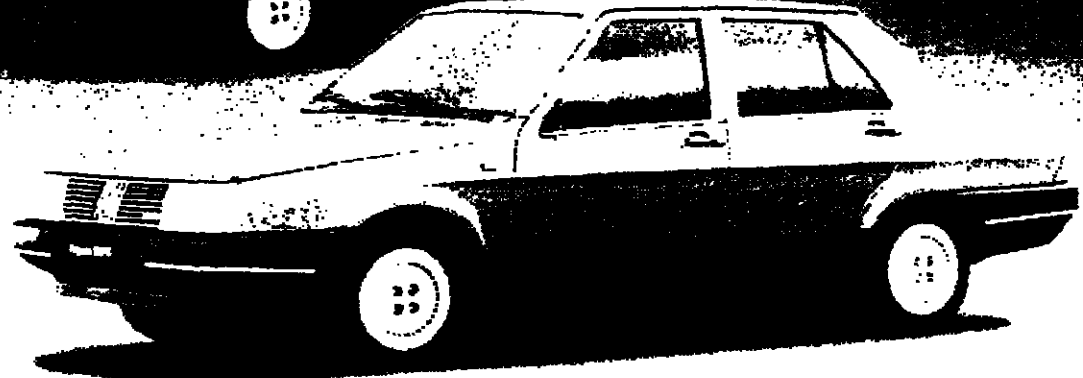


Souvenirs are already being prepared by Italian firms. Picture shows bathrobes and bathtowels designed by an Italian firm in Milan.

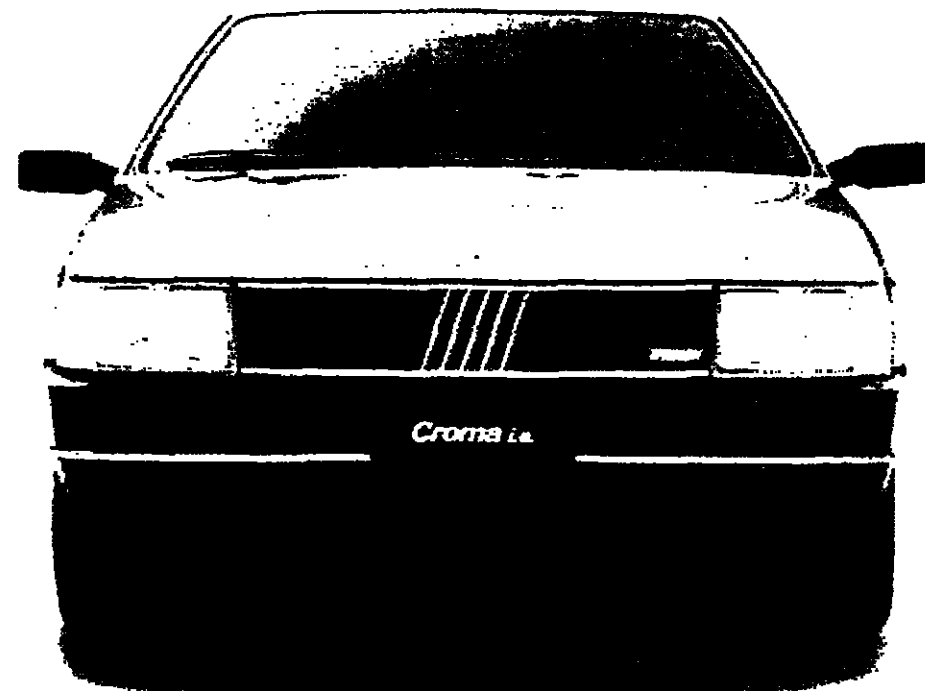
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Italian director films his latest opus

Cine-master Fellini feels the need for room

By Deborah Young

ROME: Just as the opulent collectible tome *A Director At Cinecittà* comes out — a whimsical autobiography by the director who has been the Italian studio's symbol for 30 years — Federico Fellini is shooting a film at the Pontini Film Studios, once famous as Dinocitta, later as Empire Studios.

An act of betrayal? Cinecittà addio? Neither, Fellini assures, just a need for more room. "The nature of this film call for flat horizons all around, open spaces, the feeling of a plain; sky meeting earth. You can't find that at Cinecittà anymore, with tall buildings closing off the lot."

Many years ago he did screen tests for his mythical, never-made *Voyage Of G. Mastorna* at Dinocitta. "It's the pilot film I propose at the end of each of my films to get started on another," form which Fellini says he has borrowed episodes and characters as well as its threatening, surrealistic atmosphere. "I've made it under other names."

The new film, *Voices From The Moon*, is set vaguely in the plains of northern Italy and in a town — now under construction — meant to be so typically banal that it is "invisible." Pie toplines two of Italy's most popular comics, Roberto Benigni and Paolo Villaggio, and features a cornucopia of talented young comedians. The subject comes from a novel by Ermanno Cavazzoni, *The Lunatics Poem*. Benigni plays the visionary madman Salvini, a cross between the poet Giacomo Leopardi and



Federico Fellini and Robert Benigni during shooting of Voice From the Moon.

Pinocchio; Villaggio is the Prefect.

Three weeks of shooting were done over Christmas with the French actor Sim before producers Mario and Vittorio Cecchi Gori suspended operations to renegotiate a co-production contract with RAI.

After an enervating wait, during which time art director Dante Ferretti (working with Fellini for the first time) built his main set on the backlot, the co-producers came to terms on new percentages. Also involved is French producer Cinemax.

At the root of the problem, according to the Italian press, was a budget now estimated to be \$5-million higher than the original \$9 million. While admitting that "hasty

optimism may have led us to underestimate the proportions of the enterprise," the director denies ever knowing what his films cost. "Those who name figures have an interest in inflating them."

Fellini has no share of his films' profits. He shrugs philosophically. "I'm not interested; I get bored. Every time I've taken a percentage I've never got a lira back. I ended up selling my percentage to lawyers."

While Fellini waited for his film to begin again, he sat behind his desk "like a bureaucrat," but a strange one. Hundreds of coloured pens and pencils were arranged in neat boxes in front of him, along with a magnifying glass, scissors, glue and a huge pile of doodling paper.

Shooting stopped on Jan 9, "like a train whose tracks have run out," said the helmer. "Ever since *La Dolce Vita*, I've created a crew of friends who help me fabricate tracks."

These include Tonino Delli Colli and Nicola Piovani, cinematographer and composer, respectively, on *Ginger And Fred*, *Interview*, and *Voices From The Moon*. Maurizio Millenotti is handling costumes. Scripter Tullio Pinelli worked on the film treatment, but Fellini himself is producing "the real script" on a day-to-day, sheet-by-sheet basis, keeping assistant director Gianni Arduini and production organiser Pietro Notarianni on their toes.

Not a film about madness, Fellini

emphasises, *Voices* aims to capture "the voice of reality — innocuous, domestic, everyday banality that ends up as a threatening vibration." Yet above all it is to be a comic film filled with clowns — the director's first love. "My most authentic inclination is to make people laugh."

His next project could be a portrait of Venice, which Fellini is astonished has never been attempted. He dreams of using a pointillist technique to capture the "mysterious fascination of this melancholy place." Meanwhile, his American project — *Amerika* from Kafka — seems to be in limbo. "I hope I can pick it up."

Likewise suspended is a 3-time attempt to help wealthy allies buy up the rights to his films, an undertaking that reached a dead end each time. The first try was with Andrea Rizzoli, who owned six himself. After a year and a half, Rizzoli's lawyers produced an "identikit" of who owned each picture. Then TV potentate Silvio Berlusconi "bought the rights for eternity and has continued to make sausage of them," says Fellini, a zealous opponent of the incessant commercial interruptions cut into films on private TV stations.

A second attempt came from Aldo Nemmi, the businessman who produced *And The Ship Sails On*. In what Fellini calls "a rather triumphant project," Nemmi tried to buy the negatives of all his films and send the director on a 3-week promotional tour of "all the cities of the world." The third try was made by Gaumont chief Daniel Toscan du Plantier.

Elliot Gould stars in a film By Italian director Damiano Damiani



Director Liliana Cavani directs Mickey Rourke in Francesco

Good markets for art films

ROME: In a territory characterised by a slow and steady drop in cinema admissions, Italy's art-film distributors find they are being hurt somewhat less by audience exodus than others.

Manfredi Traxler, topper of academy, Italy's oldest artfilm distributor says: "We feel drop in admissions a little less. Spectators who see our films are the ones who habitually pay more attention to cinema anyway."

Traxler and other distributors of "quality" may be feeling the audience squeeze a little less, but they're suffering from rising prices for pics as much as anyone.

The cost of art films — the sort of product no one wanted a few years ago — has skyrocketed as more mainstream distributors with bigger acquisition budgets get into the act.

Films that went for \$50,000-100,000 a few years ago now cost up to three times that.

"This sort of film is worth only so much. You won't ever have a blockbuster. We can compete with other art distributors. It's the big companies, owned by someone like Berlusconi, that

can afford to take a loss on a film, that drive up prices with high bids," Traxler says.

Another longtime artfilm buyer, BIM's Valerio de Paolis, agrees. "The big groups are driving the prices up for us. A few flops, for us, are very hard to digest," De Paolis says.

Per Traxler, prices also are being pushed up by American companies that don't know the Italian market and continue to ask too much for their films.

All of Italy's artfilm distributors were in Cannes looking to fill their slate for next year.

Academy usually releases about 10 films a year.

Academy, which has *Salaam Bombay*, *Red Sorghum* and *Chocolat* for the current season, has scored in the past with *Paris, Texas*, *She's Got to Have It*, *Down By Law* and *Wings of Desire*.

Traxler also unveiled Academy's move into production at Cannes.

BIM topper De Paolis, who needs up to six films, is a big buyer. BIM already has four films lined up for release next season, including Michael Cation-Jones' *Scandal* and *The Handsome Priest*, produced by De Paolis' Nickelodeon banner. Sacis is distributing *The Handsome Priest* world-wide.

Italy's largest production/distribution house, the Cecchi Gori Group, set up its artfilm distributry last September.

Amedeo Pagani, topper of Cecchi Gori Classic, says the group released six art films this season and plans to launch 12 more in the next. He'll be looking for several films.

"The audience for this type of film is increasing," Pagani says.

Italy's household appliance industry: has it reached a peak?

An interview with Sergio Pusca Director of Foreign Trade for the Zanussi group

Q. The household appliance sector is considered to have reached its peak in development. "Le Monde" the French newspaper, recently mentioned new vitality in this industry in Italy. Who is right?

A. "The market has certainly reached its peak and exists almost exclusively for replacements. But it is also true that the industry is facing this situation in a dynamic way. Taking the example of what Electrolux has done with Zanussi, other firms have begun to follow in the direction of takeovers. It has become a clear fact that to remain aggressive on the market, an international scale is essential, concentrating both on solid large-scale economies and on the possibility of spreading out the country/risk factors, together with substantial investments on innovation."

Q. The Italian industry in this sector has a two-sided makeup, half the companies belong to national producers, and the other half to multinational firms. What are the advantages of this formula?

A. "The advantages of belonging to multi-national firms is obvious and I refer to what I have just said: it presents the possibility of using enormous financial means on research and in production investments, strongly reducing currency and inflationary risks. National producers who carry out commercial and production activities in the majority of countries will find it increasingly necessary to enter the multi-national world of business, (some have already begun this process), if they want to remain leaders rather than reducing themselves to filling in small market gaps or possibly disappearing altogether."

Q. According to research done by the London School of Business, the real news on the market is the leadership role assumed by Electrolux. What have been the positive effects of this position for the Italian Zanussi?

A. "By becoming a part of a multi-national group, Zanussi has realised great advantages, mainly increases in production which can then be more widely distributed all over the world, and being able also to acquire supplies for the other trademarks in the same group. Other important advantages have resulted thanks to the complementary nature of efforts, investments, know-how and in technological innovations. Lastly, the role which the contribution of huge amounts of capital, made available by Swedish stockholders, played in the reactivation of Zanussi must not be underestimated."

Q. What role do you foresee in the near future for Zanussi within the Electrolux empire?

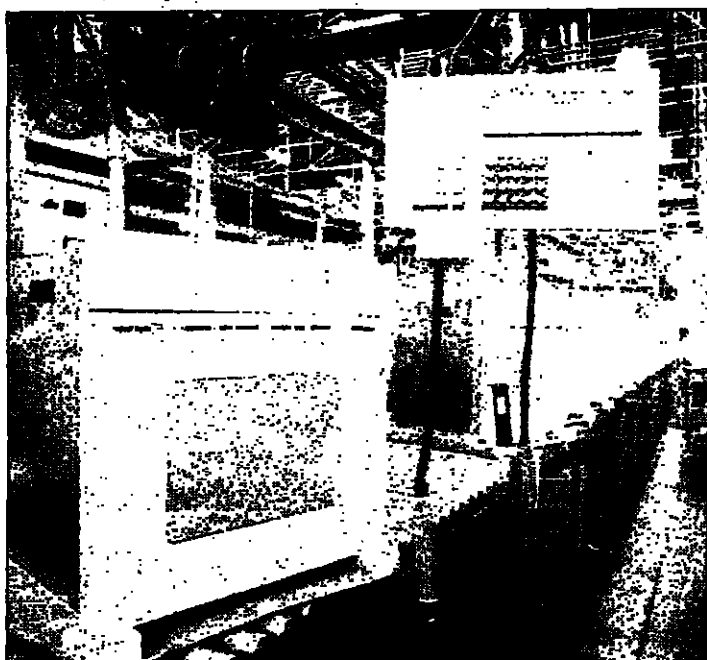
A. "It will maintain its role as a leader. Zanussi represents, in fact, a well established tradition, as well as a great capacity of manpower, ideas, and technology, and not to be forgotten is the reality that it is the largest productive pole in Europe for household appliances."

Q. The crisis of overproduction in European household appliances has stiffened the competition between the various producers and has, at the same time, made product diversification policies necessary. What are the guidelines for the production-sales strategy which Zanussi intends to follow?

A. "In the production field we will undoubtedly continue with product diversification in order to adapt them to the various markets and market sectors which interest us most. On a commercial level, we will follow the best trademark strategies, taking advantage of the favourable situation of a wide range of available "brands" in the Zanussi-Electrolux-White conglomerate."

Q. Among the various products (dishwashers, refrigerators, etc.) which are those which lead themselves best to aesthetic and/or mechanical innovations?

A. "All of our products, also because the market and the buyers' needs are constantly demanding new ideas and changes. We must not lose sight of the fact that our clients will expect household appliances which are more and more intelligent and reduce to a minimum the users attention and control. The '90s will see the beginning of the great revolution in home systems."



The Zanussi group is presently renewing the line of the 4 divisions of cold, cooking, clotheswashing and dishwashers.

The automatic house where all apparatus for domestic chores and services and for entertainment will be tied into a hierarchical co-ordination command regulated by a computer. There will also be important developments in the direction of energy-saving, (less detergents, alternative freon gas, etc.)."

Q. What about prices? A clotheswasher today costs slightly more than it cost ten years ago. What is the marketing position worked out by Electrolux, which, according to the London School of Business, is assuming the role of price leader?

A. "The Zanussi-Electrolux policy is without a doubt that of 'good value for your money', in other words, guarantee a good product value for the sales price, which must be adjusted competitively to quality and performance. I would say that quality has become an absolute necessity to have any future on the market, and even if this will produce, in the beginning, negative effects on consumer prices, in the end it will content the same consumer with an overall savings, economically and time-wise."

Q. The factories will undergo a vast industrial reorganization. What results do you expect in terms of efficiency increase and technological innovations?

A. "The radical industrial reorganisation which began when Zanussi became part of Electrolux is still taking place. We will see the first results within this year at Susegana, where we are completing the most important robotised factory in Europe for refrigerators, (the yearly output will be one million, one hundred thousand pieces). We have also begun working on the automated clotheswasher factory in Porcia, an installation without rival in Europe for this sector. The technological investment is enormous: 280 billion lire over several years. Important technological advances will also be proposed by Zeltron, our institute for applied research which is known world-wide and participates in the European programmes Eureka and Esprit."

Q. In conclusion, what are the prospects for Italian exports. Where are the weak points and which are the winning ideas to develop?

A. "Italy is the largest producer of household appliances after the United States. Only this fact is sufficient to demonstrate the commitment which our country's industry in this sector must dedicate to following and maintaining this leadership, (which is its strong point) and to fending off the threats of international competition which are continually more aggressive, along with the ever increasing pressures from Eastern Europe."

Unfortunately, the weak points are in large part out of range of direct control of the industry. They depend, in fact, on the conditions of inferiority in which the Italian production system finds itself due to inflation, national deficit, inefficiency of public services, insufficient industrial incentives on the part of public administration, or in any case inferior to those which our international competition has at its disposal.

Last but not least, there is the burden of labour costs for which the state is largely responsible, together with the resulting unreasonable fiscal and worker compensation quotas."



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Original ideas, trends, innovations put Italians on top

Household appliances: Italy is No.1 in Europe

By Dario de Vico

THE latest recognition comes from the well-known French newspaper, "Le Monde" which dedicated an entire in-depth article to Italian electrical household appliances.

"The peninsula is the second largest producer in the world. The leading manufacturers, Ariston and Candy have become models for management for the entire sector"; these were the terms used by French journalists who even contrasted the vitality of those Italians in the household appliance industry with the lack of policy decisions at the summit meeting between the twelve heads of government within the European Economic Community.

What has actually changed in the Italian household appliance industry to stimulate such an enthusiastic consensus? What are the new trends, innovations, original ideas which have pushed the national industries for refrigerators, clotheswashers and freezers to the top in Europe?

One thing seems certain: what was considered just a few years ago as an industry with nowhere to go, condemned to come to drastic terms with a stagnating crisis of overproduction, and a market with little or no growth rate, has, instead, acquired a new and unexpected vitality. This is true to such a degree that some observers have gone beyond just a passing word of praise and have identified in the structure of the Italian offer, half in the hands of authentically national companies, (Merloni, Candy and Ocean) and half belonging to foreign firms which have over a period of time, taken over Italian producers (Swedish Electrolux with Zanussi and the Dutch Philips with Ignis), the real key to success.

In the words of "Le Monde", "Italy, the second largest world producer of electrical household appliances, with 13 million pieces a year, following the United States (18.5 million), has brilliantly emerged from a crisis which, during the '80's provoked the purchase of the Italian Zanussi by the Swedish firm Electrolux, and public management control of Indesit."

"To survive in these difficult years, companies such as Ariston and Candy have relied on progressive marketing techniques and extremely flexible production management which has permitted them to achieve a strong lead over other European trade-names in the sector."

In a difficult market (European production remains in conditions of overcapacity), where the competition is assuming more and more the role of authentic giants (the first seven control 65 per cent of sales), these companies today must succeed in squaring the circle: produce in large series a widely diversified range of products to please, at the best price, all European consumers."

The latest deals concluded by Italians in the household appliance field with the incorporation of Indesit into the Merloni Group and the purchase by Candy of the controlling interest in the French company Rosieres are but only two important steps on the road to the hoped for squaring of the circle.

The map of the household appliance industry
The household appliance industry in Italy can be proud of its long established traditions to the point where, despite the crisis of the last few years, the national sector is still composed of 120 companies which employ a total of 45 thousand people and has a turnover which reached more than 6.550 billion lire in 1987.

Within these companies there are industrial groups capable of offering an entire range of products, but there are also other firms which import items from abroad to complete their offer. There is, moreover, an increasing importance of the phenomenon of third party sub-contractors, those producers who construct only on orders

from other firms which in turn take on the responsibility of selling these items in a type of informal division of labour and roles.

The most up to date analyses in this field by now consider this squadron of third party producers (between 10 to 20 firms), as a physiological component of the appliance industry, capable of furnishing the larger companies with that integration in range of products necessary to sustain the impact of an difficult and crowded market.

Several noteworthy companies stand out in the sector of Italian household appliances such as the Merloni-Ariston-Indesit and the Electrolux Zanussi. It has been the consolidation, at the end of 1987, of the company in Fabriano, headed by the ex-President of the confindustria, Vittorio Merloni, and the Turin firm which was leading the market in the '70s and was, in the recent past, reduced to the state of a Cinderella, which has permitted the newly formed Group to rise to top position, at least as far as the Italian market is concerned.

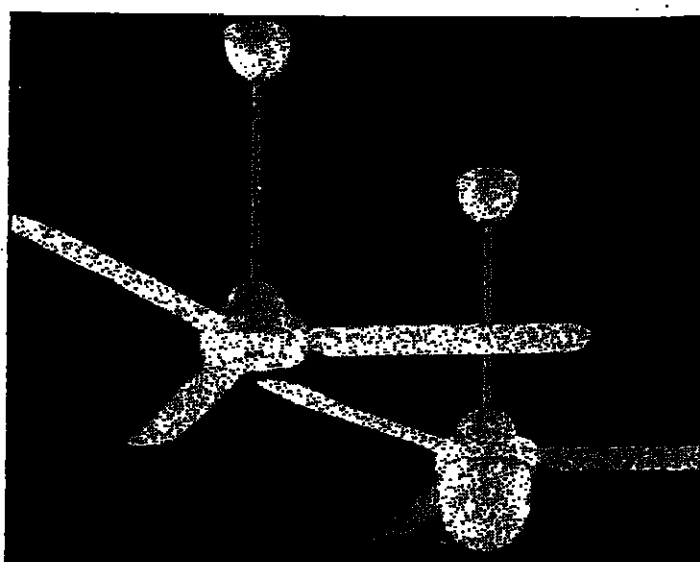
According to information furnished by Databank, in fact, 20.9 per cent of the pieces sold in Italy come from the Merloni Group against 19.4 per cent produced by Electrolux. Following up the two leaders is Candy of Peppino Fumagalli which

Ocean with an impressive 3 per cent.

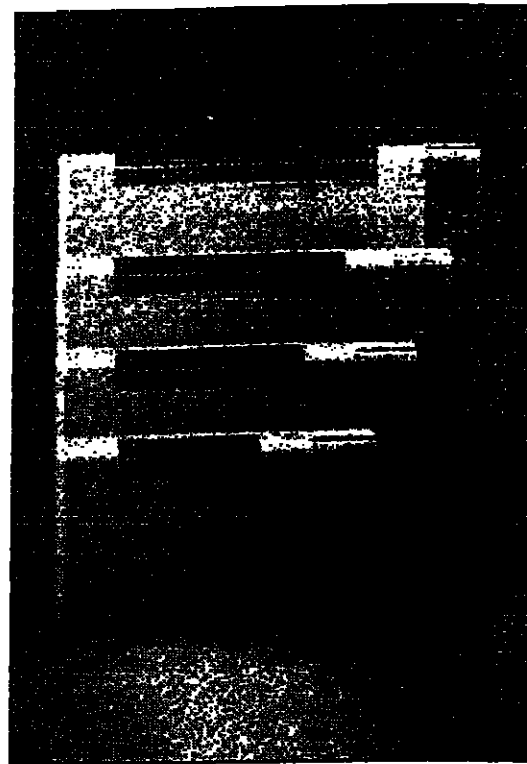
On a world scale, Italy is second only to the United States and even precedes Japan. Italian managers sustain that Italy is also the most innovative and up-to-date in the field and for this reason is the focal point for market strategy on the part of all the large producers. This explains the enormous interest shown in the past by Electrolux and Philips in taking over Italian companies and the same interest shown today by the American giant Whirlpool.

Observation

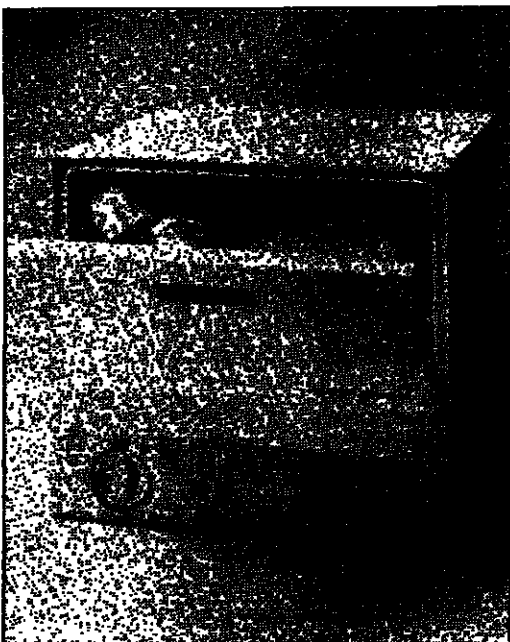
Another fundamental observation corroborates in confirming the pivotal position held by Italy in the household appliance sector: import-export movements among the large commercial areas (USA, Europe, Japan) is practically non-existent and this is due to the requests from the clients who are too diverse from the norm to justify an adaptation of product characteristics. Moreover, the expense burden for transportation (due to the large physical volume of the appliances and the light weight) is too high for an American or Japanese product to be competitive in Europe.



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has a firm position with 13 per cent of the market. Just behind is the Ire-Philips with 11.1 per cent and Ocean of the Nocivelli completes the five Italian leaders with 7.3 per cent.

Closes

If Nocivelli closes up the front line of large-scale producers, following closely behind is a just as interesting second string, consisting of well-respected names such as Smeg, Sital, Ibero, Iar and De Longhi (the principal contender with the Merloni Group for the Indesit takeover).

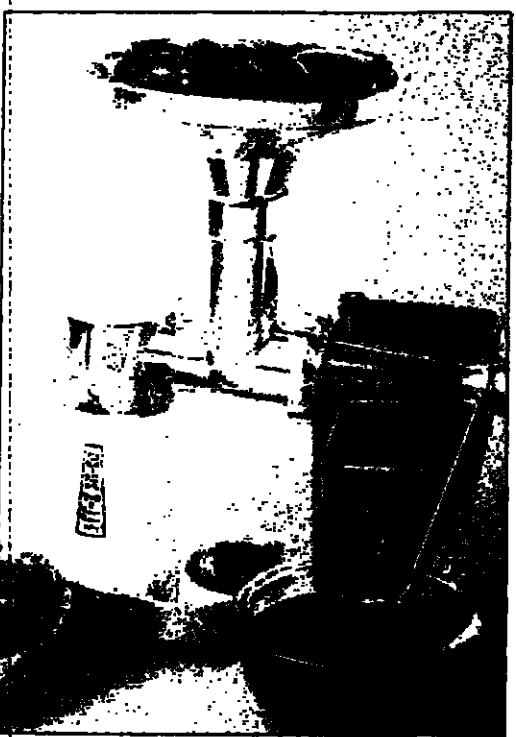
The thirteen million finished products a year which are produced by factories located in Italy allow this country to hold first place on the Continent with about 38 per cent of European production.

Italy's closest competitor is West Germany which produces 22 per cent of the European total. It is followed by France with 11 per cent. Spain and Great Britain each with a tenth of the total, while all the remaining countries together do not account for more than 9 per cent.

Confronting the quotas produced with the demand level of each individual country, a clear fact is evident: Italy, West Germany and Spain are obliged, whether they like it or not, to place beyond their borders a significant number of refrigerators, washing machines, and dishwashers, and Italy is the country which has the greatest need for export, since it produces twice the quantity which the domestic market can absorb.

This factor has produced in the last ten years the import-export exchange policy so aggressively pursued by Italian groups and industries in the sector. If we also consider the fact that Italy, West Germany and France are all markets which are almost identical, it is clear that France is the country which offers Italian firms the best possibility for export, in view of the fact that it does not have a domestic production quota able to cover internal demand. This same reasoning is valid also for Great Britain, a long-standing outlet for Indesit products.

If we pass from the offer-country ratio to consider the incidence of each single group in the industry, the market leader for Europe is Electrolux, which alone sells about a fourth of the total production. Philips is second with 14 per cent and Bosch third with 11 per cent. The first Italian firm in the rating is fourth and is clearly the Ariston-Indesit conglomerate with 8.5 per cent of the market. France follows with Thomson, 8 per cent and West Germany with Aeg and Miele, 6 per cent and 5 per cent. Between these two German producers is the Italian firm Candy, with a respectable 5.5 per cent. Following up is Italy's



Electrical meatgrinder to which can be attached a tomato-juicer apparatus

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South America: many traditions

The Americas are longer from north to south (15,000 km) than any other land mass in the world, ranging from the islands of Canada in the Arctic to Cape Horn, the southernmost tip of South America, less than a thousand kilometres from Antarctica. Canada is rich in scenic beauty, from the lakes, forests, and snow-capped mountains of the north to the golden wheat fields of the western plains. The cowboy, the paddle-steamer, and the blues singer are all part of the short, but exciting, history of the United States. Civilizations flourished in Latin America over a thousand years ago. The Maya Indians built large temples such as El Castillo at Chichen Itza.

The Americas

THE Americas are two continents — North and South America — that stretch almost from the North Pole to Antarctica in the south. They are also known as the 'New World', because before they were discovered by the Europeans they were completely cut off from the rest of the world. To the east, separating the Americas from the 'Old World', is the Atlantic Ocean. The vast Pacific Ocean lies to the west.

Included in the

Americas are the islands of the Caribbean Sea — Cuba, Hispaniola, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, and a number of smaller islands. The southern part of North America, from eastern Mexico to Panama, is often known as Central America. The two continents are connected by the isthmus (narrow neck of land) of Panama.

The Americas are named after Amerigo Vesputti, an Italian seafarer who explored the Atlantic coastline of South America in 1497, five years after Christopher Columbus discovered the 'New

World'. The name 'America' was first used for the continent of South America. It gradually came into use for North America, too. When used today, the term 'America' is taken to mean the United States of America. Latin America is a term used for Central and South America, including the islands of the Caribbean.

South America

Most of the people of South America live in republics that have been independent since the early 1800s. But these countries have been slow in developing their resources, and millions of people still live very much as their ancestors did hundreds of years ago.

Nine of the ten older republics of South America were formerly colonies of Spain, and Spanish is their chief language. The other one, Brazil, was formerly Portuguese, and the people speak a form of the Portuguese language. Brazil occupies nearly a half of the continent's area and has nearly a half of its inhabitants.

Much of the interior of South America consists of tropical forests, treeless plains, and mountainous land. Few people live there, and most of the large cities are located in the coastal regions. More than

three-quarters of South America lies in the tropics. The equator crosses the continent near its widest point. To the south, the continent tapers sharply, and the southern tip is less than 1,000 km from Antarctica.

The western coast of South America borders the Pacific Ocean, and is dominated by the Andes Mountains, which rise along the entire coast. The longest mountain range in the world, they are second only to the Himalayas of Asia in height. There are several active volcanoes in the Andes region, which is also shaken by earthquakes. The eastern part of the continent is also mountainous. The Guiana Highlands, which stand less than 1,500 metres high along Brazil's northern border, are covered largely by tropical forest. The Brazilian Highlands rise to as much as 2,884 metres (Pico da Bandeira) along the Atlantic coast, but inland consist chiefly of tablelands and rolling hills. In southern Argentina, the Patagonian plateau consists of flat, rocky tablelands.

About three-fifths of South America, the central part, consists of plains: the grassy llanos of the north, the tropical rain forests of the Amazon basin, the scrublands of the Gran Chaco, and the farm and grazing lands of the pampas in the south. The narrow Pacific coastlands vary from the swampy forests of Colombia and Ecuador and the deserts of Peru and northern Chile, to the fertile farmlands and forests of central Chile and the stormy fiords and islands of southern Chile.

South America is a warm continent. The lowlands near the equator are hot and humid the year round. The southern part of the continent has cool summers and mild winters. Only high in the Andes is it cold. There is heavy rainfall (averaging over 1,500 mm a year) in the tropical

regions of the Amazon basin and along some coastal areas.

The continent is notable for its mighty rivers. The Amazon has the largest drainage basin in the world and is fed by over 200 tributaries along its course. The Orinoco, which flows along the Colombia-Venezuela border, through Venezuela to the Atlantic, has more than 400 tributaries. The most important inland waterway, however, is the Rio de la Plata system, which serves Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay.

Most of the people of South America are descendants either of the Spanish and Portuguese settlers or of the native Indians, or both. Some countries, such as Brazil, also have large Negro populations. The continent has abundant natural wealth, but living standards are generally low. Most of the land is owned by a rich minority. On the other hand, there are the agricultural workers, the small holders, and the Indians, who are nearly all poor. Many migrate to the cities, and live in terrible conditions on the outskirts, in shanty towns which they build themselves.

More than half the people work on the farms, ran-



Gaucho rounds up sheep in Brazil.

ches, and plantations. But they raise barely enough food to feed their families, while much of the fertile land owned by the rich lies idle. Many countries have begun programmes of land reform, breaking up some of the huge estates and giving them to small farmers.

The development of South America, however, has been hampered by unstable governments. In most countries, the military wields the power. As a result, there are frequent revolutions, uprisings, and military coups.

Most of South America's chief exports are agricultural products such as beef, coffee, sugar,

and wool. Oil, however, is the most valuable export, most of it coming from Venezuela. Other important mineral exports include copper from Chile, iron ore from Brazil and Venezuela, tin from Bolivia, silver from Peru, emeralds from Colombia, and bauxite (aluminium ore) from Surinam and Guyana. As a result of South America's mineral wealth, manufacturing industries are being developed, too.

It was the continent's mineral riches that attracted the Spanish and Portuguese adventurers in the 1500s, after the discovery of South America.



Pottery urn depicting a seated dignitary, from the excavations at Monte Alban, in southern Mexico.



An example of Inca art, showing ritual dancers. The Incas are also known for their architecture, metalwork, and textiles.

Just for laughs!

Two women were talking at a party, and one said, "Look at that awful-looking man over there... isn't he hideous? I think he must be the most unattractive man I've ever seen in my life!"

"That happens to be my husband!" said the second icily.

"Oh dear," said the first, covered in confusion, "I'm so sorry."

To which the unfortunate wife replied, "You're sorry...?"

Russell couldn't swim, yet when he fell into the river and was floundering around desperately, what did his callous friend say from the safety of the bank? "Russell — if you don't come up for the third time, can I have your sheath knife?"

"After we'd been married two years there was the patter of tiny feet around the house."

"You had a baby?"

"No — mice."

"Why aren't you married?"

"I was born that way."

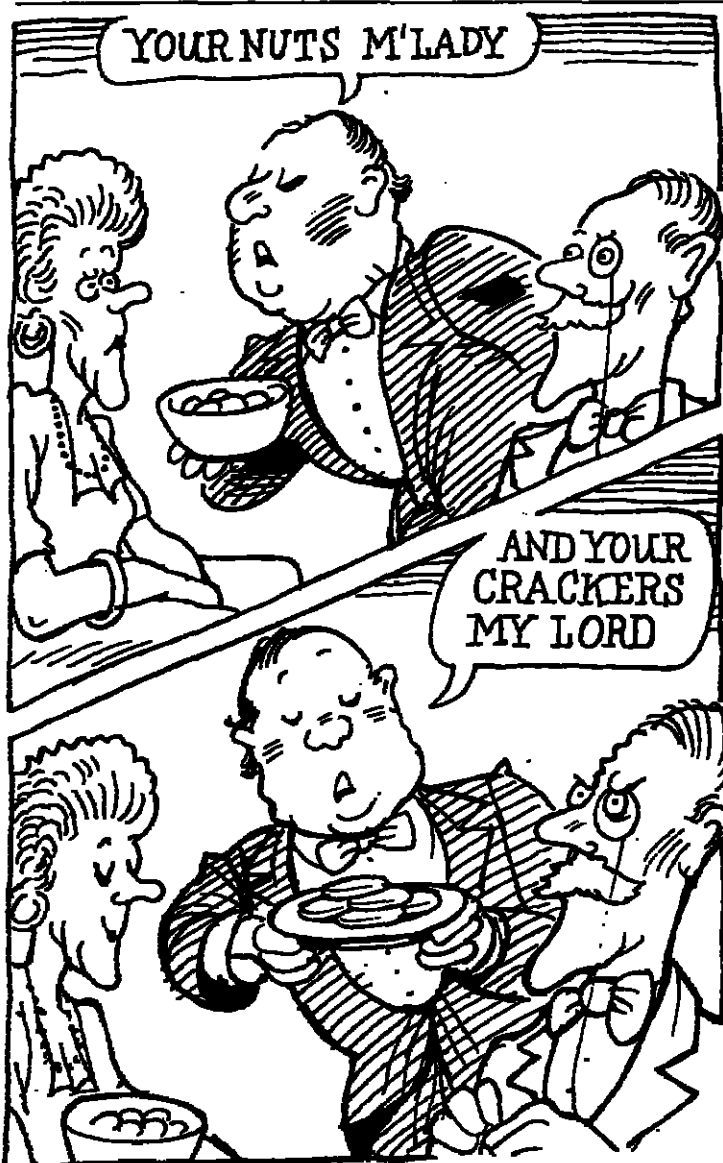
Mrs Jones and her little daughter Karen were outside the church watching all the comings and goings of a wedding. After the photographs had been taken, everyone had driven off to the reception and all the excitement was over. Karen said to her mother, "Why did the bride change her mind, Mummy?"

"How do you mean, change her mind?" asked Mrs Jones.

"Well," said the moppet, "she went into the church with one man and came out with another!"

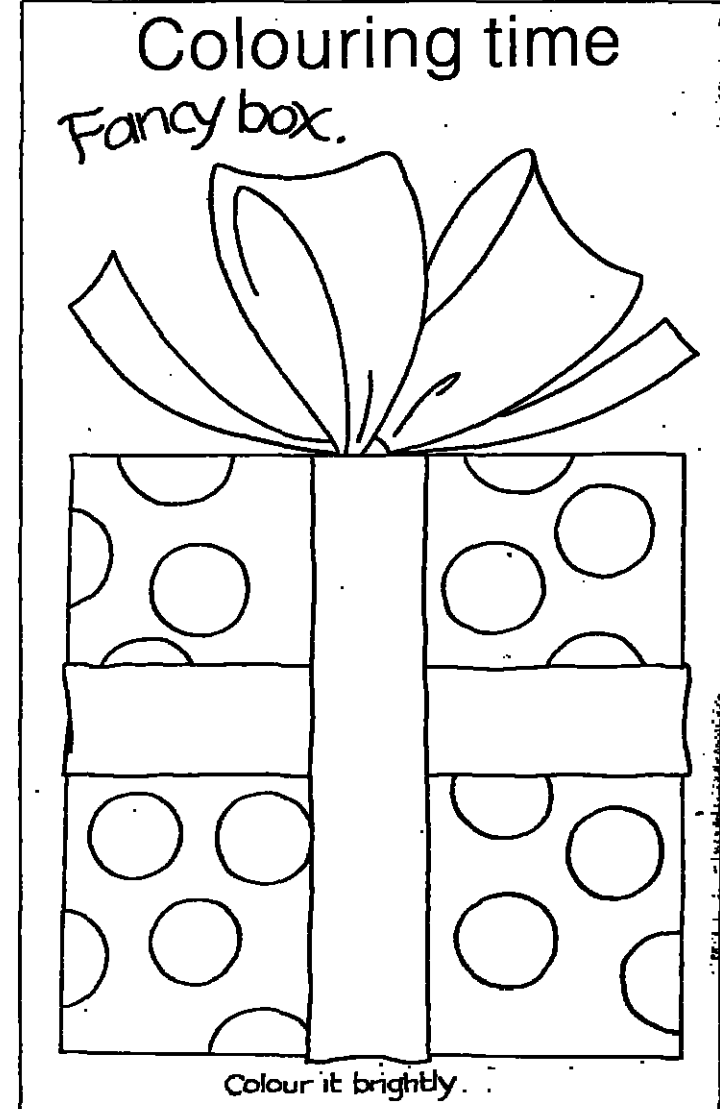
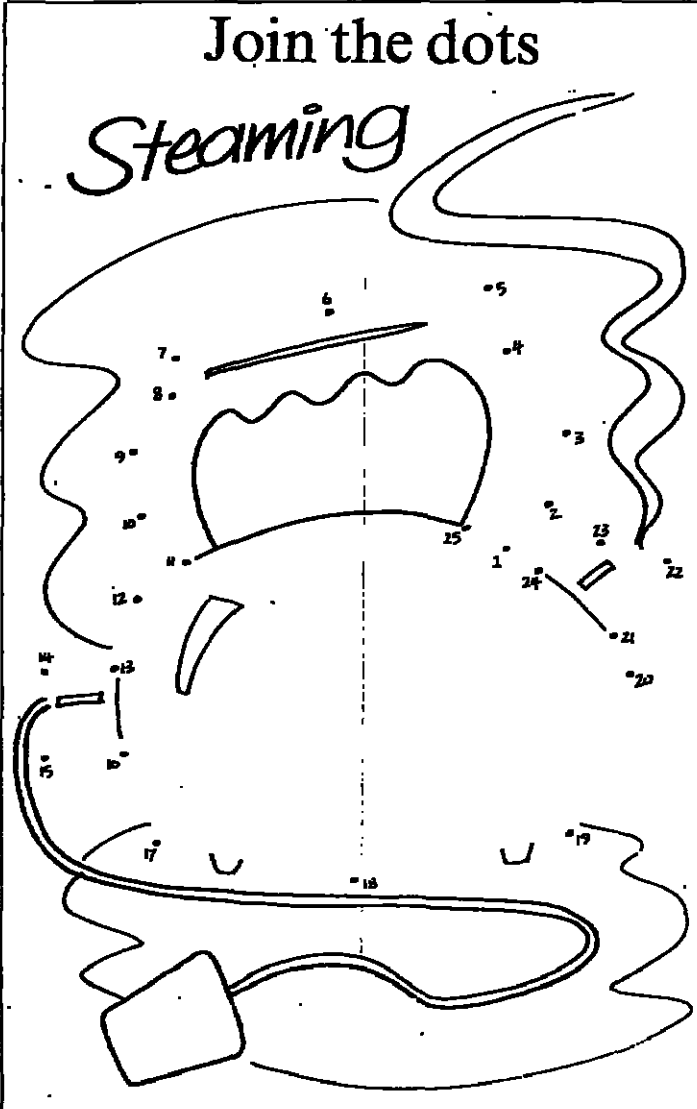
The insurance salesman was trying to persuade a housewife to take out a life insurance policy. "Now supposing your husband were to die," he said, "what would you get?"

"Oh, a Labrador, I think," replied the housewife. "They're always good company!"



The roses make the world so sweet,
The bees, the birds, have such a time,
There's such a light, and such a heat
And such a joy in June.

G. MacDonald



Dear Junior readers,

Jolly June!

June is the month of high summer. It is the month of light evenings when it is hard to be early in bed. In all northern countries it is summer, but in the southern half of the world it is winter.

The 21st of June is known as Midsummer's Day — the longest day in the year. When the sun rises earlier and sets later than on any other day. It is also a day of magic, when fairies (if you believe in them) feast and dance from midnight to dawn.

Many years ago, in European countries, people used to light bonfires on Midsummer's Day to encourage the sun to shine. They would hurl burning discs into the air and roll blazing wheels downhill in imitation of the sun's journey across the sky.

In England, a souvenir stands to remind the people of this ancient tradition. A great circle of stones at Stonehenge was built for the festival of the sun. And, believe it or not, in some parts of the county Cornwall, south of England, people still light fires on the 21st of June. Moral

Word search

ALL ABOUT FLOWERS

ALOE	IONQUIL	ROSE
ASTER	LILAC	SALVIA
BLOSSOM	LUPIN	SEPAL
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CARNATION	NIGELLA	TULIP
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DAHLIA	PEONY	
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Clue: A sweet smelling bunch (7 letters)

Firsts and lasts

Even though aluminium is one of the commonest metals in the earth's crust, it was only used by man for the first time a century ago.

The first snowflake with a crystal pattern that exactly matches that of another snowflake has still to be found!

Scientists have suggested that the Mediterranean Sea may have first been a waterless desert in the early history of the earth.

Monasteries were first given that name because the first monks were hermits who withdrew to be alone. 'Monos' is the Greek word for 'alone'.

The last building constructed inside the old city walls of the Yugoslav city of Dubrovnik was built two hundred years ago.

William Hunt first developed the modern safety-pin in 1849.

The first long-playing record (LP) only appeared in 1948.

The first gale warnings were given in 1861.

The Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen was not only the leader of the first successful expedition to the South Pole in 1911, but also commanded the first navigation of the North-West Passage five years earlier.

Henry VIII was the first English king to be addressed as 'Your Majesty.' Before then 'Your Highness' was always used.

No permanent memorial for great showman

Poor showing for Raj Kapoor

By Firoze Rangoonwalla

A YEAR has passed since Raj Kapoor died on June 2. He had gone to Delhi to receive the National Award, in a weak state of health. He became even more ill and had to be hospitalised, where he fought a famous battle for life for one month, before giving in.

There were attempts to name the road around R.K. Studio, Chembur, as Raj Kapoor Chowk. There were also plans for a stamp and statue in the memory of India's tramp or little man, a la Chaplin. But soon news began to leak out that the R.K. Studio itself may be sold or changed to industrial property, as it was not running well and tax arrears had mounted heavily.

His three sons could not get together and finance a permanent memorial, museum or hall with glimpses of his work. They were not even able to start Heena, his dream project. Shashi Kapoor had done better by building Prihvi Theatre in memory of his and Raj's father.

A complete book on Raj Kapoor might have partly served the purpose. One by Malti Sahay and Vimal Dasnayak was found to be too abstract and high-flown for a man of the masses like R.K. Another by his P.R.O.

Bunny Reuben, released after his death, has turned out even worse, as it indulges in salacious stories about his personal life and the so-called romancing with heroines including Nargis, Vyjayantimala, Padmini etc.

The book published by the National Film Development Corporation is huge and costly, containing dozens of vulgar photos, while its contents are lean as well as damaging. The overall image we get of R.K. is a man given to endless drinking, gambling, late nights and adventures with women. To make the book gossipy, the writer keeps harping only on this aspect, and goes blank on the art, craft, theme and technique of films, to which R.K. devoted his life.

Despite all his claims of long friendship, Reuben does not seem to know the real Raj Kapoor or to understand his language and his cinema. It is a typical approach of a highly-paid publicist, looking at the movie

As in life, so in death, R.K. remained in a blaze of glory and media hype. But after that, there were no solid serious steps taken to commemorate his memory. That's why at the time of his first death anniversary we have very little to offer by way of a permanent memorial. On the contrary, some wrong kind of homage has been paid to sully his memory.



Actress Rekha pays her homage to the late Raj Kapoor.

mughal only for opportunities of drum beating or sensational stories.

The book could have carried insights into R.K.'s psyche, provided unknown anecdotes, brought out rare items from his completed and shelved films, even published photos of old artefacts as memorabilia. But it only keeps on chasing R.K. pursuing skirts. As it progresses, it brings up more and more obscene photos and words.

The death anniversary is being again marked by a revival of

R.K.'s films and other token gestures. But a lot was over-played during Raj's month long illness and soon after he died.

Two retros of his films have been held. Tributes have been paid on TV and songs from his films shown and infomercial. The complete set of the movies and songs has been issued on video and audio cassettes. Two documentaries have been made on him for foreign and Indian networks. The market potential is exhausted. But the real Raj Kapoor is still missing.

● Of the two married heroines, who left many films incomplete, Anita Raj has come back to the studio lights.

She is taking up fresh offers also, to replace troubled heroines. But Padmini Kolsapure is determined not to come back, though her long delayed *Dasta* is due for release. She will be happy producing and also doing playback singing. Finally it all depends on whose husband is more keen on the wife as a star.

at least better than Hyderabad ki aulad.

● Vijay Shanti of Eeshwar at last got a second Hindi chance on the recommendation of Vinod Khanna. At the launch of *Muqaddar ka Badshah*, the

Star quotes

RAPPI LAHIRE: I openly admit that I copy tones. People like it. So why not give them such tones? Even imitation requires talent. I know exactly what kind of a tone to lift.

AMIR KHAN: Why did Rishi Kapoor compare my future with that of Kumar Gaurav, meaning that I will soon be nowhere. He could have done it with his brother Rajeev Kapoor too. **KIMI:** I believe in my religion and I am a good Catholic. I used to go to church every Sunday. But after becoming a star it is not possible. Even then, one has to "bribe" God for the success of every film.

ANUPAM KHER: When I was coming up, Mammoohan Desai advised me to sign as many films as possible. He said that industry people give work to the busiest and not to someone who is freely available.

SRI DEVI: In "Guru" I did not want to do the kissing scene with Mithun and I didn't want the duplicate doing it either. I can't go to every person I know and say: "I didn't kiss, I didn't kiss."

AMRITA SINGH: It is very common now to cheat the other person in love. I think nowadays while falling in love, people set aside that thing called heart. I have myself experienced this truth.

macho here took full advantage of this with the actress and asked her to keep on photographing them. This angered director T. Rama Rao, who fired the poor staff photographer.

World. "At least they know what they want," I said.

"The generations of rock music fans, all of whom are still wired with Walkmans, are now becoming the labour force in this country. They are doctors, lawyers and oil tanker captains, but they all keep time to Bruce Springsteen."

"Did you interview a lot of people for your report?" I asked him.

"I talked to many parents but they were more confused than helpful. The children were something else again. Every time I asked a question, they rolled their eyes and clapped their hands. I would have been worried had I not known that each and every one of them had a Walkman implant."

"Then your findings are based more on your own knowledge rather than on what anyone said to you?" "That is correct. But it does have substance. I have never met a child who listened more to his parents than he did to Michael Jackson."

1989, Los Angeles Times Syndicate



Madhvi: has a lot to say about herself

Star interview

Madhvi speaks out

Q. By now you have worked in many Hindi films, including those with Amitabh. Don't you feel you have still not made the grade?

A. I don't know what 'grade' people talk about. One's gradation is one's own satisfaction on the work done.

Q. I mean as compared to other heroines, especially the South's top names like Sri Devi and Jaya Prada.

A. Both of them are friendly with me. We may be professional rivals but we never take it seriously. So why put us into categories? Each has her own. If we go in the rat or cat race, it is at a great cost. Rather than compete, it's better to have an ambition. Mine is to be a good actress and be remembered by people even after I die.

Q. But you are also taking up all kinds of mass films.

A. If I don't, then I will have only one or two releases in a year and so I will be forgotten. As an actress, I belong to the people. So I can't do only classic roles as in *Ek Duje Ke Liye*. Of course, senseless films make me unhappy but at least I am entertaining the people. For the artistic urge, I do regional films.

Q. How did you start your career?

A. My real name is Vijaylaxmi. I belong to Hyderabad and we speak both Hindi and Telugu at home. I started dancing when I was eight. I made my first film at the age of 15. People told me it was a very dirty line and women were not respected. But I got good film makers. So I stayed for good.

Q. And in the Bombay's Hindi industry?

A. L.V. Prasad is a veteran. When he told me to do the second role in *Ek Duje Ke Liye* I could not refuse. I got reviews. And I stayed on here, too.

Q. But you wore some revealing costumes too, as in *Kalyan Ki Ramayan*.

A. It was to show a thematic point. Also to prove at least once that I could be glamorous.

Q. Do you add your personal life to your characters?

A. Yes, as I don't copy others or take them as a model. I also do a lot of observation of various people, how they walk, talk, behave etc. Then I fit the behaviour to the needs of the role.

Q. How do you react to gossip?

A. At first I used to take it seriously, like when I was linked with Kamalhasan. Then I took it in my stride. But if someone rightly criticises my work, I will try to find out what went wrong by seeing my work again.

Q. And plans for marriage?

A. Five more years in the industry. After that I may concentrate fully on family life.

THE Thumbsucker Report has just been released. Written by Dr Alfred Thumbsucker, the report deals with the problems that parents have communicating with their children, and the inability of those children to communicate with anyone.

"Most parents," he told me, "admit that they didn't have much luck with child-rearing, but they all have the same defense. 'Look what we had to work with.'"

"In your report, what do you consider to be the main barrier between children and their parents?"

"Rock music," he replied. "When teen-agers turned to the Grateful Dead for all their needs, parents lost control over them. It is not generally known, but as soon as a child is born in the United States, the doctor inserts tiny Walkman speakers into its ears. The Walkman is activated when the doctor spans the baby, and it remains on at full volume right through college."

"You're going to make the front pages with that one."

The Art Buchwald Column

Thumbsucker

"As the child grows up he or she spends every waking moment listening to music, and tuning out on everything else. Parents were always under the impression that when a young person shook his head, he was answering either 'yes' or 'no' to a question. They had no idea that the kid was only keeping time to the Rolling Stones."

"Didn't it ever occur to a parent that something other than thinking was going on in their offspring's head?" I asked.

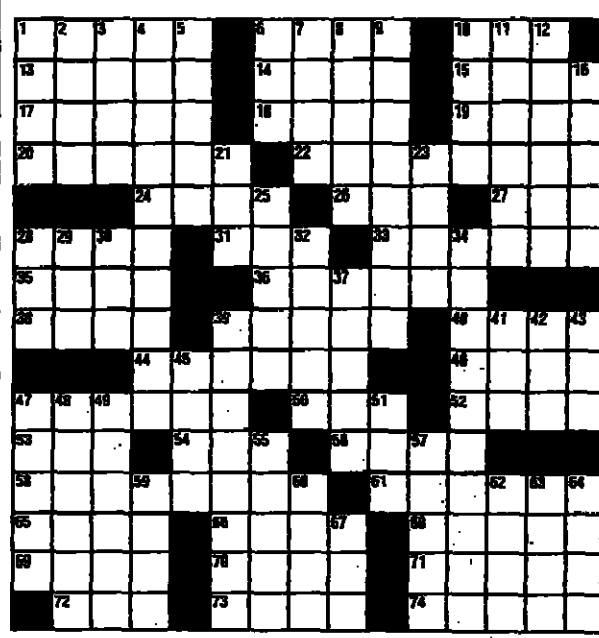
"No, it didn't. Parents were happy to see their children snap their fingers because it meant that they were still alive. Some teenagers found that the audio level of the Walkman was not strong enough for their rock music habit, so they put large radios on their

shoulders to enhance the sound. They also installed loudspeakers in their bedrooms so that nothing else could be heard in the house.

"With so much electronics at their command, it's no wonder that kids have been unable to converse in any spoken tongue. This is the reason that parents never get a response when they shout, 'Why don't you do what I tell you?' The child has no idea what his father or mother is saying."

"How can young people get by without communicating?" "Most of them have discovered early in life that no matter what they did, they would always be housed and fed. Knowing this, there was no reason for them to try to figure out what was going on in the

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
1. Memento of a wounded knee?
 6. In the center of 10 Douglas,
 12. Vietnam city
 15. Accomplished
 17. Declares
 18. "Nana" novelist
 19. Roman emperor in 69
 20. Base
 22. Famed Ogala chief
 24. Ancient kingdom of SW Asia
 26. "— for the show"
 27. Dir. from NYC to Boston
 28. Aquarium
 31. Chatter
 33. Lake Ontario
 35. Stratford's river
 36. Consecrate
 38. "Return of the —"
 39. Cupidity
 40. Symbol of Wales
 44. Swindle
 46. Son of Jacob
 47. "— and yet so far"
 50. Royal abbr.
- DOWN**
2. Luge
 3. Dined
 5. Helot
 8. Black Kettle was one
 11. Antenna connection
 13. Carmine and
 14. Minute particle
 16. Veldt family
 18. Ferry's creator
 20. "And day's at the —"
 21. Browning
 22. Sun. speech
 23. Honest
 24. Linked
 25. Imitation
 26. Grotto
 27. Later
 28. Cowboy's blade
 29. Agave product
 30. Hatchet's relative
 31. "Withering Heights" locale
 32. Cove
 33. Final resting place for Wild Bill Hickok
 34. Hoodwink
 35. Chant
 36. Moved a
 37. painting
 38. Cowboy competition
 39. Trail
 40. Outlay
 41. 25 Sierra —
 42. — Mahal
 43. Street map abbr.
 44. Approving gesture
 45. Smooth-barked tree
 46. Stagecoach company
 47. Swerves
 48. Famed Apache chief
 49. Conger
 50. Address Arden
 51. Sundance or Cisco
 52. Alençon
 53. — bleu
 54. The rest
 55. Goad
 56. Scandinavian goddess
 57. Fry
 58. Indemnity
 59. North Sea feeder
 60. To be, in Blois
 61. Actor-author
 62. Bogarde
 63. — fixe
 64. Society page words
 67. Actress Blyth

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
THANKS FOR THE HELP

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH

♠ 6
♥ K 7 2
♦ K 10 7 3 2
♣ A J 4

WEST

♠ K Q J 3
♥ J 10 5
♦ 8 5
♣ Q 8 7 6

EAST

♠ 8 7 5 4 2
♥ Q 8 6 4
♦ Q
♣ K 9 3

SOUTH

♠ A 10 9
♥ A 9 3
♦ A J 6 4
♣ 10 5 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 NT	Pass	5 ♦	Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠

Position at the table can be a crucial factor. Whether you are first or second to play to a trick will often determine how many tricks you can take from a given combination of cards.

We are not enamored of North's decision to remove three no trump to five diamonds, despite his unbalanced hand. His six-card diamond suit was a source of tricks at no trump, and the 11-trick contract would have failed but for skillful play by his partner.

Declarer won the opening lead in

hand. If he picked up the trumps without loss, declarer's only problem was to avoid losing two club tricks in addition to the heart. If he broached the suit, he could accomplish that only by finding a rather fortuitous tie of the cards and guessing the position. But there was a sure-trick line.

Declarer ruffed a spade and drew trumps in two rounds. After ruffing his remaining spade, he cashed the ace and king of hearts before surrendering the lead with a third round of hearts.

It made no difference to declarer which defender won the heart trick. With the major suits stripped from his hand and dummy, whichever defender gained the lead could not play one of those suits without yielding the game-going trick via a ruff-stuff. Yet, when either defender broached the club suit, declarer was guaranteed two tricks because he possessed the ten. Best would be for West to win the heart and shift to a club, but declarer has only to play low from dummy to endplay East when he wins the club. Try it.



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YOUR STARS

Aries (March 20 - April 18) You will have an opportunity to make amends and should take it. You will need all the patience and forbearance you can muster to cope with the situation. You should make sure you are not a "backseat driver." Be resolute.	Cancer (June 21 - July 21) You are more liable to lose your way, so do consult a map and do not be too proud or shy to ask. You will be in high spirits and are in danger of acting too much on impulse. Do not allow yourself to be persuaded against your better judgement. Be less solemn.	Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22) You will be better able to distinguish what is from what is not important. There will be a lot to do and you should just get on with it. Do not rest on your laurels, though they are substantial. Be tolerant.	Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19) You should try to keep calm when those around you are behaving what you consider to be foolishly. You should also try to be just a little more patient. Give others the benefit of any doubt. Be reliable.
Taurus (April 19 - May 19) The Moon's better influence coupled with that of Saturn and Uranus will help you to evaluate an innovation. You should take your responsibilities a little more seriously. Do not expect more than you deserve. Be sincere.	Leo (July 22 - Aug 21) You will easily be irritated and should do your best to restrain yourself. You should avoid playing with fire. You will be able to find the solution to a personal problem that has been dogging you. Be helpful.	Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21) Instead of being angry at yourself over a mistake you have made, just try to ensure it does not happen again. You will be able to do something more constructive. Do not think you have nothing further to learn. Be sympathetic.	Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18) A temptation to eat too many sweet things should be resisted. You have no time to chatter idly and should avoid paying much attention gossip. Stand by those who have proved to be good friends of yours. Be sensible.
Gemini (May 20 - June 20) You will be able to use your abilities to their full extent and the results will be good. Venus' better influence will enable you to increase harmony. You should make sure you do not waste time. Be respectful.	Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21) Make sure you do not allow letters to accumulate. You will be able to help a friend who has suffered a bereavement. Have a little more faith in yourself. Be self-reliant.	Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21) You will not be able to make quite as rapid progress as you would have wished. Never mind, if you work steadfastly you will be able to catch up. You should go out of your way to ensure that you do not give offence. Your lucky numbers are 8 and 12. Be respectful.	Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19) You will be better able to do something practical. An unpleasant matter should be attended to right away — putting it off will not improve matters. Try not to take everything quite so seriously, but do avoid frivolity. Be fair.

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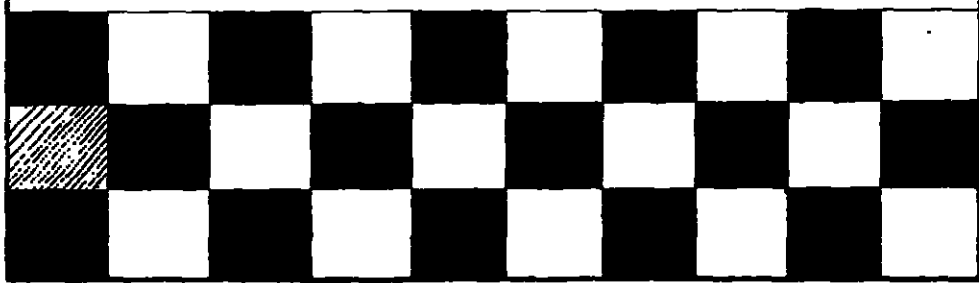
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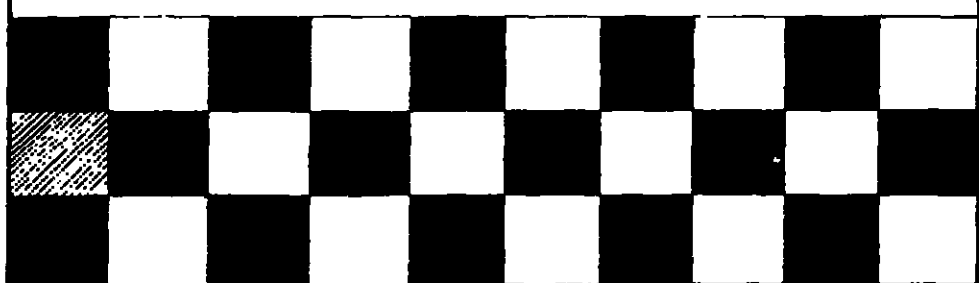
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Worcestershire struggle for win

Lancashire hold out for a draw

LONDON, May 31. (Reuters): Kevin Curran hit a magnificent 116 not out for Gloucestershire but failed to save his side from a 79 run defeat against champions Worcestershire at Bristol yesterday.

Phil Newport, who took five wickets for 73, and Neal Radford reduced Gloucestershire to 82 for five as they stumbled in pursuit of a target of 337.

But Curran batted superbly, hitting two sixes and 17 fours. There were only seven overs left when last man David Lawrence was caught off spinner Richard Illingworth with Gloucester on 275.

Championship leaders Lancashire were given a fright by Sussex before holding out for a draw at 266 for eight at Liverpool.

Brothers Alan and Colin Wells, 46, had taken Sussex to a lunch time declaration at 185 for four, leaving Lancashire 316 to win in 66 overs.

Openers Gehan Mendis and Graeme Fowler set a blistering pace in a 132 run stand, but although Trevor Jesty stroked a polished 50 the Sussex pacemen

Tony Pigott with three for 63 and Andy Babington, four for 23, worked their way through the middle order. It was left to Paul Allott and Dexter Fittou to take Lancashire to safety.

At Birmingham Roland Butcher hit an unbeaten 41 off 32 balls to help Middlesex to an eight-wicket win over Warwickshire, which moved them to joint second place with Northamptonshire.

In Bournemouth, West Indian Test player Malcolm Marshall returned to the county circuit, taking four for 33 to help bowl Hampshire to a 119 run win over Leicestershire at Bournemouth.

Yorkshire's hopes of reaching a target of 275 were thrown off course when Martyn Moxon, scorer of 162 not out yesterday, fell to the first ball of the innings, brilliantly caught in the gully by Surrey's Darren Bicknell off Tony Murphy.

Kevin Sharp was carried off after ducking into a Murphy bouncer, needing hospital treatment for concussion and a cut near his right ear. Yorkshire finished on 217 for six.



Tony Pigott



Andy Babington

Result

At Bournemouth: Hampshire beat Leicestershire by 119 runs. Hampshire 288 in 103.2 overs and 239 for four declared (P. Terry 88, M. Nichol 40, K. Jones 40). Leicestershire 293 in 98.5 overs and 115 (K. James four for 24, M. Marshall four for 33). Hampshire 23 points, Leicestershire 40.

At Chelmsford: Essex v Somerset — match drawn. Essex 327 for eight declared in 119 overs and 217 for three declared (B. Hardie 80, M. Waugh 79). Somerset 260 for three declared in 108.5 overs and 116 for four (P. Roebuck 65 not out). Essex four points, Somerset five.

At Cardiff: Glamorgan v Nottinghamshire — match drawn. Nottinghamshire 300 for six declared in 97.5 overs and 302

for three declared (C. Broad 113, T. Robinson 63 not out). Glamorgan 250 for two declared in 67 overs and 286 for six (R. Shastri 80, M. Maynard 65, R. Ontong 48).

Glamorgan five points, Nottinghamshire four.

At the Oval: Surrey v Yorkshire — match drawn. Surrey 400 for six declared in 123.2 overs and 177 for seven declared (A. Stewart 42, C. Pickles three for 49). Yorkshire 303 for eight declared in 95.5 overs and 217 for six (D. Bairstow 101 not out, R. Blakely 40).

Surrey six points, Yorkshire six.

At Bristol: Worcestershire beat Gloucestershire by 79 runs. Worcestershire 201 in 70.5 overs and 283 for six declared. Gloucestershire 148 in 62.5

overs and 257 (K. Curran 116 not out, P. Newport five for 73).

Gloucestershire four points, Worcestershire 22.

At Liverpool: Lancashire v Sussex — match drawn. Sussex 334 for seven declared and 183 for four declared (A. Wells 63 not out, C. Wells 46). Lancashire 204 in 72.3 overs and 266 for eight (G. Mendis 84, T. Jesty 50, G. Fowler 49, A. Babington four for 23).

Lancashire four points, Surrey seven.

At Edgbaston: Middlesex beat Warwickshire by eight wickets. Warwickshire 194 in 94.4 overs and 112. Middlesex 199 in 59.5 overs and 108 for two (R. Butcher 41 not out). Middlesex 21 points, Warwickshire 5.

Standings

English county championship cricket table after matches ending yesterday (tabulate under-played, won, lost, drawn, batting bonus points, bowling bonus points, points):

Lancashire	7	3	0	4	20	19	87
Middlesex	5	3	1	9	20	77	
Northants	5	3	1	9	20	77	
Essex	5	3	0	10	17	75	
Hampshire	6	2	3	16	17	65	
Worcestershire	6	1	4	14	21	51	
Surrey	6	1	4	14	21	51	
Somerset	5	1	3	13	16	45	
Leicestershire	5	1	2	11	17	44	
Notts	6	1	4	13	15	44	
Glamorgan	5	1	0	9	16	41	
Derbyshire	5	1	2	6	15	37	
Warwickshire	5	0	3	5	20	33	
Sussex	4	0	3	11	16	27	
Kent	5	0	2	3	9	15	24
Yorkshire	5	0	2	3	9	15	24
Gloucestershire	4	0	3	1	5	11	16

Aerobic craze has hit a plateau

Athletic fantasy can turn into nightmare of injury

SAN FRANCISCO, May 31. (UPI): The weekend athlete's daydream of being magically transformed into a sandlot Michael Jordan, Chris Evert, Joe Montana or Joan Benoit can painfully vanish in a mere turn of the ankle.

Each year, millions of Americans are injured playing recreational sports. Whether it's a twisted knee from sliding into second base or shin splints from too many aerobic classes, Americans have become accustomed to the pain of sports.

Once injured, America's sports wounded turn for relief to the relatively young field of sports medicine.

"We've gone from what would be the equivalent of the dark ages to the high-tech era in sports medicine in about 18 years," said Dr. James Garrick, the head of St. Francis Hospital Centre for sports and dance medicine and a pioneer in the practice. "You wonder what the future holds for the field."

Garrick's clinic has become a collecting point for injured athletes and professional dancers from all over the West Coast. It has a staff of five full-time physicians, five full-time paediatricians, numerous therapists. Between 30,000 to 50,000 patients a year seek treatment.

The clinic also is the centre for the nation's first and foremost facility for the study, treatment and rehabilitation of dance and ballet injuries.

When it comes to what ails America's active, no one knows better than Garrick.

"American fitness has undergone a great deal of change since the start of the running craze (mid-1970s)," Garrick said. "When aerobic dance first became popular, we were flooded with a large number of overuse injuries."

"The problem was that many women who were taking up aerobics had never had the opportunity to participate in sports or extended exercise."

"They were not accustomed to the pain of exercise. Their injuries were not serious, but because they were in pain, they wanted it

looked at. We began to classify those as complaints, not injuries."

"In a study we did of 411 aerobic dancers and instructors, we found that 75 per cent complained of pain but were not injured."

Garrick has some simple advice for the novice is about to battle the winter bulge with aerobics.

"The first thing to do is buy one of the many aerobics tapes that are out," he said. "That allows you to begin in the privacy of your home and at your own pace. When you think you have reached a point where you can join a class, go ahead."

"If you decide to go straight into a class, go through the warmups with the group and about five to eight minutes of the aerobics. Then move to the side and walk in place until the class heads into its cool down stretches."

"Each time you go to class, increase the amount of time you stay for the aerobics portion. In no time, you'll be doing the entire class."

Garrick doesn't subscribe to the myth that aerobics should be done on a special surface or with special shoes.

"You should have a pair of aerobic shoes, but in our study we found that there wasn't any difference between brands," he said. "We also found that the surfaces didn't play a role in injuries or injury prevention. An average aerobic (routine) lasts for only about 20-25 minutes."

While the aerobic craze took off in the mid-1980s, Garrick believes the activity is now declining or has hit a plateau in popularity.

"What we have seen is that many women who began in aerobics have now moved on to other sports," he said. "People used the activity as an entree to other fitness activities like tennis."

But in its years of popularity and evolution, aerobics guaranteed it longevity by diversifying.

"There is more variety now and that's been good for aerobics," Garrick said. "You now have low-impact aerobics, jazzercise and even

ballet-type aerobics. A person can find the fit they are comfortable with."

The movement from aerobics to other sports has thrust many novice athletes from the generic injury category — suffered while going from unfit to fit — to learning curve injuries.

"A learning curve injury is suffered while a person is developing an expertise in a specific sport," Garrick said. "A good example is tennis elbow."

While most injuries fall into one of the two categories, Garrick's clinic is beginning a study for a third, and more important, area — injuries suffered by America's active seniors.

"The people who began jogging as 35 to 40-year-olds during the running craze are now reaching middle age," he said. "Since we've never had such a large population in this age group, we don't know what to expect."

"Their needs are completely different. For example, they can't use the normal style weight machines because they no longer have the flexibility they had when they were younger."

"They also discover they have more time, so they can enjoy their activity more. Say a person played golf twice a week when he was younger. Now he doesn't have to go to work so he may play five times a week. That's a lot of bending and twisting."

"Older people also have more past sins to atone for. That knee you injured in high school can come back and haunt you as you get older."

Injuries, no matter what your age, seem to be unavoidable. So how do you know if that pain is serious?

"Anytime you have obvious swelling, you should see your doctor, particularly if that swelling is around a joint," Garrick said.

"Anytime the pain has an abrupt onset or happiness with a bang, it needs to be looked at right away."

If the pain is minor, Garrick offers this simple remedy.

"You can never go wrong using ice," he said.

Harding agrees to fight Andries

SYDNEY, May 31. (Reuters): Australia's Jeff Harding changed his mind today and agreed to fight Dennis Andries of Britain for the World Boxing Council (WBC) light-heavyweight title.

Harding, 24, turned down the Andries offer on Monday because he was recovering from a points win over Argentine Nestor Giovanni on May 12.

Harding, from the same stable as retired WBC featherweight champion Jeff Fenech, was worried about the low iron count in his blood.

Harding said he retired because he no longer liked hurting people. His manager, Dave Wolf, said he and Lalonde are searching for young prospects to co-manage.

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Reynolds keeps tight grip on Milk Race

Joughin lying second overall

BRISTOL, England, May 31. (AP): Keith Reynolds of Britain won the second stage of the 13-day bicycle race round England yesterday to help his country keep a tight grip on the Milk Race.

The 25-year-old cyclist broke from the pack on the outskirts of this southwestern English town to win the 122-mile stage from Spain's Jesus Suarez-Cuevas in a time of five hours 30 minutes and 46 seconds.

He now leads the race overall by 17 seconds from fellow countryman Steve Joughin who posted third position in the second stage.

American professional Scott McKinley lost his overnight sixth placing after missing the decisive move with some 13 miles remaining.

The 20-year-old Californian finished one minute and 41

seconds behind Reynolds.

John Tomac is now the best-placed American, holding on to his overnight ninth placing.

He is only 21 seconds behind Reynolds whose father, Harry, was the leader for a day in the first Milk Race 32 years ago.

Tomac was among the 65 racers who chased down Reynolds' lead from one minute, 35 seconds to a mere 14 seconds at the finish.

Lalonde decides to manage young boxers



Lalonde (left) with Leonard before their November fight.

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Amateur rugby players violating rules

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, May 31. (AP): Several top New Zealand Rugby Union players are being paid to play the sport, a violation of its amateur rules, former New Zealand captain Andy Dalton said today.

"I know it's happening," Dalton said in an interview published in the Evening Post newspaper.

He said he was aware of one player receiving money for every game he played.

He would not confirm if the player was a New Zealander.

Dalton declined to name New Zealand players involved, or describe details of the alleged payoffs.

Dalton said he would not divulge that information even if called before the New Zealand Rugby Football Union Council.

"I'm quite sure many players playing First Division rugby are getting paid both here in New Zealand and overseas," he said.

Dalton said payments made to players went beyond travel allowances to attend practices. "I know that players are getting more than that," he said.

They were paid to join clubs, but not on a per-game basis.

"I think if you're going to make it an amateur game you have to reduce the demands on the top players or you've got to appreciate these commercial interests will continue," he said.

Mariners edge past Yankees

Angels outlast Brewers

NEW YORK, May 31 (AP): Ken Griffey Jr hit two home runs and drove in three runs and Randy Johnson won his debut with Seattle as the Mariners beat the New York Yankees 3-2 last night.

In other American League games yesterday, Baltimore defeated Texas 6-2; Oakland edged Boston 4-2; Cleveland beat Toronto 6-2; Detroit whipped the Chicago White Sox 10-3; California edged Milwaukee 3-2; and Minnesota defeated Kansas City 7-1.

Griffey hit a solo homer in the second and a two-run shot in the sixth off Jimmy Jones, who also made his American League debut. Seven of Griffey's nine home runs have tied games or put Seattle ahead.

Johnson, 1-0, was acquired along with pitchers Brian Holman and Greg Harris from Montreal last Thursday for left-hander Mark Langston. The 6-foot-10 Johnson, 0-4 with Montreal in six starts, allowed two runs and six innings. He struck out six and walked three.

Tom Niedenfuer, who was activated from the 21-day disabled list yesterday, pitched two innings, then Mike Schooler got his 12th save in as many chances by pitching the ninth.

Orioles 6, Rangers 2

Phil Bradley drove in two runs with a seventh-inning single and Baltimore scored a key run on



Jim Abbott

Jeff Kunkel's throwing error as the Orioles beat Texas 6-2 for their sixth win in seven games.

Athletics 4, Red Sox 2

Dave Stewart became the American League's first nine-game winner and Dave Parker homered and drove in three runs

as the Oakland Athletics beat the Boston Red Sox 4-2.

Indians 6, Blue Jays 2

Pete O'Brien hit a two-run homer to cap a five-run fifth inning and John Farrell broke a personal four-game losing streak as the Cleveland Indians beat the Toronto Blue Jays 6-2.

Angels 3, Brewers 2

Jim Abbott, the one-handed pitcher, won his third consecutive start, combining with two relievers on a three-hitter as the California Angels beat the Milwaukee Brewers 3-2.

Twins 7, Royals 1

Wally Backman had three hits and two RBIs and the Minnesota Twins scored all their runs in the second inning for a 7-1 victory that snapped Kansas City's five-game winning streak.

Detroit 10, Chicago 3

Keith Moreland drove in four runs, three on his second homer of the year, and Lou Whitaker hit a two-run homer as the Detroit Tigers beat the Chicago White Sox 10-3.

Pirates 2, Reds 0

Randy Kramer is quickly learning about life as a relief pitcher. Kramer got his first Major League save last night, preserving the Pittsburgh Pirates' 2-0 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

"There are two things that can happen in this job," he said. "You can either have great success or great failure. I've been fortunate that I've had both my

first two times out so that's out the way now."

In other National League games yesterday, the Chicago Cubs edged Atlanta 3-2; Houston defeated St. Louis 8-4; Montreal slipped past Los Angeles 5-4; San Diego routed Philadelphia 9-3; and San Francisco whipped the New York Mets 10-3.

Kramer made his relief debut last weekend but gave up a ninth-inning, game-tying home run to Houston's Glenn Davis in a game the Pirates eventually lost.

Doug Drabek, 3-5, limited the Reds to six hits for 8 1/3 innings. Kramer relieved with two runners on base and struck out Todd Benzinger and got Jeff Reed on a popup.

Astros 8, Cardinals 4

Ken Caminiti homered and drove in a career-high five runs as the Houston Astros beat the St. Louis Cardinals for their fifth straight victory.

Giants 10, Mets 3

Kevita Mitchell and Will Clark, the National League's most productive hitters, hit three-run homers as the San Francisco Giants beat slumping New York for their fifth straight victory.

Expos 5, Dodgers 4

Pinch hitter Mike Aldrete's sacrifice fly capped a four-run rally in the ninth inning and led the Montreal Expos over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

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The incredible captain (left) receives the trophy from Major Abdullah (centre) while Pinto looks on.

Ministers meet to discuss drugs, apartheid

REYKJAVIK, Iceland, May 31. (AP): Breaking amateur athletics' problem with drug use and its links to apartheid are the major goals as officials from 23 European nations meet today and tomorrow to discuss ways of co-ordinating action.

Sports ministers from Council of Europe nations will seek to approve documents that can become international models for cracking down on drugs and opposing apartheid. South Africa's policies of racial segregation.

The Scandinavian nations, concerned by continued Western European sporting links with South Africa, want to solidify international opposition to that nation's system of racial segregation.

Lars Karlberg, a Swedish Sports Ministry official, said governments must make it clear such links no longer will be tolerated.

The Scandinavian effort is aimed directly at countries such as Britain and France, whose rugby federations recently announced they would allow their players to tour South Africa this summer.

"We have been talking too much. Now let us go on to some type of action," Karlberg said.

A statement to be released during the conference by the South African Non-racial Olympic Committee, an anti-apartheid group based in London, will point to Britain, West Germany, France, Italy and Ireland as having the closest sporting links with South Africa.

Delay after fatal crash remains unexplained

FRANKFURT, West Germany, May 31. (Reuters): Organisers of Sunday's West German Motorcycling Grand Prix at Hockenheim failed to explain a two-minute delay in stopping the 250cc race after a crash which killed Venezuelan Ivan Palazese.

But they said yesterday that Italian Fabio Barchitta and French rider Bruno Bonhuil, both severely injured in the incident, were showing signs of recovery.

The Baden Motorsport Club (BMC) said videos showed Barchitta crashed first. Bonhuil and Palazese then collided behind him and they or parts of their machines hit Barchitta.

A BMC press statement said doctors reached the scene in 20 seconds, but a further 90 seconds elapsed while clerk of the course Wilhelm Herz checked their instruction to halt the race.

Ambulances were prevented from reaching the injured by the race-riders, who were shown warning flags only just before they reached the crash site again and tore past at full speed.

Herz was at a loss to explain the delay. "God, what's 90 seconds when you're in this kind of situation," he said.

Barchitta broke his spine and was initially paralysed from the waist down. But the BMC said it understood Barchitta could now move his toes and the paralysis was receding. He was expected to be in hospital for eight weeks.

Bonhuil's wife said her husband would have recovered enough from multiple fractures and internal injuries to be moved to France in five days.

The BMC admitted again that marshals failed to show crossed flags — which mean riders must stop at once — after eventually getting the order to halt the race.

Pitino to coach Kentucky

NEW YORK, May 31. (Reuters): Rick Pitino, who had three years left on his coaching contract with the New York Knicks, reached agreement with the professional club yesterday to allow him to take the University of Kentucky coaching job.

Conditions of the termination of his Knicks contract, worth an estimated \$450,000 a year, were not disclosed.

Pitino was offered the Kentucky job, with a reported base pay of \$750,000 a year, last week.

Kentucky, traditionally a powerhouse college basketball, faces three years probation starting next season for recruiting violations.

Pitino, who coached the Providence to college basketball's final four three years ago, revive Knicks fortunes in his two years at the helm.

After winning only 22 games the year before his arrival, the Knicks won 90 wins against 74 losses during his reign.

LOCAL FOOTBALL

Incredible beat Strikers for crown

INCREDIBLE Sports Club overcame United Goan Strikers in a penalty shoot-out to retain the Youth Recreation Centre football tournament trophy for the third straight year at the Sour grounds earlier this week.

U.G. Strikers and Incredible, missing some of their top players, displayed an excellent game of football.

Both the teams attacked each other's goal until the 10th minute when Alcantara Baretto was penalised near the sidelines. From the resultant free kick, Joaquim put the ball into the goal to give Incredible a 1-0 lead.

Strikers were spurred into action by this goal and got the equaliser only two minutes later when Joseph Salemao pounced on a loose ball and beat the Incredible goalkeeper. Strikers went ahead a few minutes later when Salemao scored his second goal. Strikers led 2-1 at half-time.

Incredible went on to the attack from the start of the second half. It did not take them long to get the equaliser through Santimano. Redu was guilty of not putting Incredible ahead a number of times as he missed easy chances to score.

The match failed to produce any more goals in the normal and even extra time. The game went into a penalty shoot-out from which Incredible emerged victorious at 7-6.

The prizes were presented to the winners by Major Abdullah Fatah Al Ali, chairman of the Al Mabroor Group of Companies. Joseph Salemao took the Man of the Match award.

The tournament was organised by Rising Star team members, headed by Lawrence Pinto. Other members of the organising team were Patrick Rodrigues, Braz Remedios, Eric Almeida and Jafit Kazi.

The tournament was held under the auspices of the Kuwait Indian Football Federation and officiated by Isaac Rodrigues, Anthony and Peter.

Whitbread out

LONDON, May 31. (Reuters): Women's world javelin champion Fatima Whitbread will be out of competition for most of the season after tearing a muscle in her right shoulder.

The 28-year-old Briton, who won the silver medal at last year's Olympics, said yesterday she needed an operation after sustaining the injury at a local meeting last week and hoped to be back in action at the end of the season.

LOCAL CRICKET

Tim Stafford leaving Kuwait for Australia

TIM STAFFORD, one of the leading figures in Kuwait cricket, attended his last annual general meeting at the Casuals Cricket Club on Wednesday. After eight years with the club Tim is to leave Kuwait this summer to live in Australia.

Tim has been chairman of the club for many years, stepping down last year to the post of club secretary, and his influence over the affairs of the club has been enormous.

As a player he has the reputation of always giving a gritty 100 per cent and being satisfied with nothing less from those around him. His approach at the helm of the club has been no different and he has competently steered the club towards a higher level of success.

Never afraid to speak his mind or lift a finger for the club, Tim's views have always been clear and on the table in a typical Yorkshire way. His guidance and influence is of the sort which will not be fully appreciated until he has gone and the vacuum left to be filled.

All members of the club and cricket world take the opportunity to wish him and his family well in the future.

Under-21 soccer

SALO, Finland, May 31. (Reuters): Finland and the Netherlands drew 1-1 (half-time 1-1) in a European under-21 soccer championship Group Four match yesterday.

Scorers: Finland — Kim Nuorteva (16th minute); Netherlands — Michael Roelofs (41st).

Attendance: 2,311.

Gates opened to prevent deaths: police

SHEFFIELD, England, May 31. (AP): A police chief said yesterday he ordered a stadium gate to be opened to prevent soccer fans outside being crushed to death. Minutes later, a surge inside killed 95 people.

Superintendent Roger Marshall told an inquiry he was warned by one of his senior officers of the risk to life as a crush built up outside Hillsborough stadium before a cup game between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest on April 15.

"There was no real alternative because there was nowhere for

these people to go," Marshall said. "There was no escape route in any way, shape or form other than into the stadium."

The surge of fans through the open gate led to a fatal crush on the terraces, or standing areas, in the early minutes of the game. The victims, prevented by anti-riot boundary fences from escaping onto the field, were in the terraces of the Liverpool side of the stadium in Sheffield, 150 miles (240 kilometres) north of London.

When Marshall realised within minutes that people had

been killed inside the stadium, "I felt this entire tragedy was my responsibility," he said.

Half an hour before the kick-off there was a carnival atmosphere outside the ground, but from that point onward, the crowd crush "deteriorated by the minute in a big way" and the turnstiles had to be closed.

Fifteen minutes later when Marshall asked the police control unit for permission to open the gate, "the situation in front of the turnstiles as becoming completely and utterly untenable," he said.

Iran outclass Thailand

NICOSIA, Cyprus, May 31. (AP): Iran beat Thailand 3-0 yesterday in a qualifying match for the 1990 World Cup.

The match put Iran at the Top of Asia Group Five, according to the official Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicosia.

IRNA said that Iranian centre-forward Farshad Pius scored the first goal of the game 34 minutes into play and also knocked in the second goal 19 minutes into the second half.

The third goal was scored by Mohsen Garoosi with just two minutes left to play, IRNA said.

The game was played at Azadi stadium in western Tehran before a crowd of 50,000.

Iran has eight points from four victories in Asia Group Five, IRNA said, followed by China with six points from three games.

Iran will face the Chinese team in Beijing on June 11 and the return game will be played in Tehran 10 days later.

Harris to coach Espanol

BARCELONA, Spain, May 31. (Reuters): Spanish First Division club Espanol of Barcelona have recruited English coach Allan Harris from Tottenham for one season, a club spokesman said yesterday.

He said Harris would start coaching the Catalans, who are struggling near the bottom of the table, when the League season ended next month.

He declined to disclose how much the contract was worth. Harris, 46, is familiar with the city having worked as deputy to Terry Venables at city rivals Barcelona until two years ago. He is currently Venables' number two at English First Division Tottenham.

Espanol, who reached the UEFA Cup final in 1988, fired their coach Javier Clemente last March after a series of poor results. They have since employed two more coaches.

Scotland beat Chile

England clinch Rous Cup

GLASGOW, Scotland, May 31. (AP): Scotland ended a three-year goal famine in the Rous Cup with a 2-0 win over Chile at Hampden Park yesterday.

Their victory ensured that England, who previously beat the Scots and tied with Chile, won the three-nation exhibition tournament.

The Scots, who had played five games in the tired end-of-season tournament without scoring, finally gave their patient fans something to applaud with goals from Alan McNally and Murdo MacLeod.

Only 9,006 supporters took the trouble to watch Scotland's last international of the season — around 3,000 less than Hampden's previous lowest attendance against foreign opposition and only 1,200 more than the all-time low of 7,843 against Northern Ireland 20 years ago.

McNally's powerful physique proved more than match for the Chile defenders, who had proved weak opponents against England at Wembley last week.

Apart from this goal, McNally forced a fine save

from Roberto Rojas in the first half while his astute touch in the 52nd minute teed the ball up for MacLeod to hit his first goal for Scotland.

Paul McStay, commanding in midfield, set up McNally's fourth minute goal with a low driven cross from the left which McNally diverted past Rojas from less than six yards.

The second goal came after a through ball from Gillespie. The Liverpool player pushed the ball through for McNally to touch sideways to MacLeod and the Borussia Dortmund player drilled a 25 yard shot into the net.

Lineups:

Scotland: Leighton, McKimmie, Malpas, Aitken, McLeish, Gillespie (White 70th minute), Speedie (Johnston 45 mins), Grant, MacLeod, McStay, McNally.

Chile: Rajos, Reyes, Contreras, Gonzalez, Pizarro, Rubio, Covarrubias (Letelier 45 mins), Vera, Olmos, Hisis, Puebla.

The Champion Wins

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FRENCH OPEN
NOTEBOOK

PARIS, May 31, (UPI): Raffaella Reggi wants one thing in particular about her first round upset of third-seeded Natalia Zvereva recorded for posterity.

"It was the first time in a year and a half I didn't have any double faults," she said yesterday after beating Zvereva, 3-6, 7-6 (7-4), 6-2, in the opening round of the French Open. "Write that down. You always say when I double fault."

The Italian went through a spell of the jitter with her serve, and said constant practice and a change of racket had at last given her a little more confidence.

"I'm not going to serve any aces," she said in her familiar animated way. "I'm just happy I can get my first serve in, get it deep and play the point."

Argentine Alberto Mancini can claim the title of pin-up of the men's tennis tour, thanks to a series of photographs in Elle magazine.

"I think it's a good magazine," he said. "They asked me to do some photos so I said yes."

Ivan Lendl refused a story circulating this week claiming he will retire from tennis in three to four years.

"It's news to me," the world's top ranked player said after beating West German Patrick Kuennen at the \$4.5 million French Open tennis championships.

"You tried to retire both John (McEnroe) and Jimmy (Connors) early but that didn't work. You (the media) have been working on Chris (Evert) for the last three years, and I think the message is finally getting through."

Monica Seles is an unseeded amateur in the French Open, but perhaps a budding big name. The 15-year-old was born in Yugoslavia and is a resident of Bradenton, Fla., where she trains and is coached by Nick Bollettieri.

Seles won her first-ever title in April defeating Chris Evert, and yesterday she won her opening round match against American Ronni Reis. Reporters turned out in droves for the press conference of Seles, who only played three tournaments in 1988 and plans to play 10 in 1989.

"I still want to finish my school-work," she said.

In the not-so-lucky-after-all department, Danilo Marcelino of Brazil and Argentina's Pablo Arraya, who replaced injured Kent Carlsson of Sweden and Emilio Sanchez of Spain respectively, were first round losers after being inserted into the main draw.

American David Wheaton, Italian Paolo Cane and Canadian Andrew Sznajder all rallied from two sets down to post victories. Wheaton beat Frenchman Fabrice Santoro, Cane defeated Magnus Gustafsson of Sweden and Sznajder eliminated American Dan Goldie.

Boris Becker has gone back to his roots to turn himself into a serious contender for the French Open crown.

Contrary to popular belief, the roots are not grass.

"People forget that I never played on grass before 1984," he said.

Steffi Graf's tennis-playing boyfriend broke but proud

PARIS, May 31, (AP): Steffi Graf may be rich and famous, but her tennis-playing boyfriend is broke and unknown and his relationship with the world's No. 1 woman player isn't helping his own career.

"I have to admit that my bank account is in the red because I haven't been winning much lately," said Alexander Mronz. "All the fuss over our relationship has been affecting me a

little, particularly in Hamburg earlier this month."

There, Mronz, a West German ranked 165th in the world, lost in the first round after holding a match point.

The same happened to him in the opening round of the French Open on Monday when he lost in five sets to Omar Camporese of Italy after holding match-point.

Last year Mronz, earned only

\$29,607 compared to Graf's \$1,378,128.

But the 24-year-old from Cologne is refusing to take any charity from the Grand Slam champion.

"I don't want Steffi's money. I make my own money — that is my job," Mronz said. "What I need is a coach but I can't afford one. I have no intention of taking advantage of the Graf system in that way either."

"I wouldn't want to take her coach away because then if she lost one match I would feel very bad."

Mronz said he has turned down a host of late entries to tournaments so as not to be seen to be taking advantage of his relationship with Graf.

"I like her very much and wouldn't want to do anything to endanger our relationship," he said. "I have been offered wild card entries into tour-

naments but I have refused."

Although Mronz is clearly proud of his partner's achievements, he doesn't have much time for women's tennis.

"It is not tennis, it is ping pong," he said. "With the exception of a few, the big money the women make is a scandal. Every man has to fight 100 per cent in the first round and some of the girls don't even sweat and they make millions."

Sabatini overwhelms Dechaume in 2nd round

Sukova makes surprise exit

PARIS, May 31, (AP): Gabriela Sabatini, edging closer to a confrontation with defending champion Steffi Graf, became the first player to reach the third round of the French Open today, sweeping past Alexia Dechaume of France 6-3, 6-1.

The second-seeded Argentine was not at her peak on the centre court at Roland Garros but was still too strong for an opponent equipped with dangerous groundstrokes but lacking mobility and experience.

As Sabatini came off court after her one-hour, 12-minute victory, her half of the draw suddenly opened up the player due to meet her in the last eight, Helena Sukova, was upset in straight sets on a side court.

The fifth-seeded Czechoslovakian, who reached the final of the Australian Open in January, lost 6-1, 7-5 to Japan's Akiko Kijimuta, ranked 91st in the world. Sukova, who prefers harder surfaces than the clay of Paris, was the fourth of the 16 women's seeds to go out of the

competition. Kijimuta had lost in the first round at all three previous appearances in Paris.

Two other seeds went through on another sunny, but much cooler day at this famed, tree-lined clay-court arena.

Switzerland's Jacob Hlasek, No. 6 among the men who had to save four match-points in his first match, had a far easier time disposing of Andres Gomez of Ecuador 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.

And American Mary Joe Fernandez, the No. 13 women's seed, reached the third round by fighting past compatriot Andrea Farley 6-7, 6-3, 6-1.

Sabatini moved up 5-2 and double-set point in the first set of her match against Dechaume but then got hit by four straight winners and lost the eighth game.

She clinched the set in the next game on a forehand topspin lob and forced Dechaume into errors in the second stanza to take a 5-0 lead.

Serving to save the match, Dechaume stave off a match



Noah tries to return the ball. (Reuter wirephoto)

point and a 6-0 whitewash but capitulated in the next game when Sabatini converted the second of two more match points with an ace down the middle.

Yesterday Brazil imposed its samba rhythm on the French Open when two Sao Paulo

Mattar took his cue from 18-year-old qualifier Andrea Vieira, responsible for the early elimination of Hana Mandlikova, the Czechoslovak-born 1981 women's champion.

A third former champion, Guillermo Vilas of Argentina, also made a first round exit in straight sets to Italian Claudio Pistolesi and decided to call a halt to his career at the age of 36.

Vilas, oldest player in the tournament, was champion at Roland Garros in 1977, the year Noah first appeared as a 17-year-old and the only other time he ever lost in the first round.

"Then I had big feet and now I have long hair — that's the difference," Noah joked after his 7-6, 6-4, 6-7, 6-4 defeat by Mattar.

Noah said he had not been bothered by the foot injury which had kept him out of action for the past three weeks and off the practice courts until the last few days. "It was a risk to play here," he

said. "I was tight — I just couldn't hit out and he saw that. I played too short and he dominated the rallies."

Results

Préliminaires (qualifying): Jeremy Bates (Britain) beat Oli Rahnasto (Finland) 6-3 6-2 6-4; Jakob Hlasek (Switzerland) beat Andres Gomez (Ecuador) 6-2 6-3 6-2; Francisco Casanovi (Italy) beat Glenn Michibata (Canada) 6-4 6-4 6-0; Nicole Provis (Australia) beat Laura Lapi (Italy) 6-1 6-1; Akiko Kijimuta (Japan) beat 5-Helena Sukova (Czechoslovakia) 6-1 7-5; 2-Gabriela Sabatini (Argentina) beat Alexia Dechaume (France) 6-3 6-1; Thierry Tulasne (France) beat Horst Skoff (Australia) 3-6 1-3 6-3 6-4; Paul Haarhuis (Netherlands) beat Christian Sacunes (West Germany) 6-7 (6-8) 6-2 7-6 (7-3) 6-1; Jean-Philippe Fleurbaey (France) beat Andrei Chervakov (Soviet Union) 6-3 7-6 (7-3) 6-3; Jaime Yzaga (Peru) beat Goran Prpic (Yugoslavia) 3-6 6-3 6-3 4-6 6-3; Jay Berger (US) beat 9-Jimmy Connors (US) 4-6 6-3 7-5; Nicole Jaggerman (Netherlands) beat Michele Jaggard (Australia) 6-3 6-2; 15-Mary-Joe Fernandez (US) beat Andrea Farley (US) 6-7 (6-8) 6-3 6-1; Sophia Amich (France) beat Laura Gil-demeister (Chile) 6-7 (4-7) 7-6 (7-4) 6-3; Silvia La Fratta (Italy) beat Elsa Reinach (South Africa) 6-3 6-4; Martina Pavlik (West Germany) beat Kimiko Date (Japan) 6-4 7-6 (7-2); Ann Grossman (US) beat Anne Minter (Australia) 6-4 6-4; 10-Helen Kelesi (Canada) beat Andrea Temesvari (Hungary) 6-2 7-6 (7-4).

SPORTS BRIEFS

Play-off final

LONDON, May 31, (Reuters): Result of English Division Four promotion play-off final, first leg, yesterday: Wrexham 0 Leyton 0 0

Two killed

LONDON, May 31, (Reuters): Two sidecar motorcycle competitors were killed yesterday in separate crashes on the treacherous Isle of Man Tourist Trophy (T.T.) racing circuit.

Steve Lewis

PROVO, Utah, May 31, (Reuters): Olympic 400 metres champion Steve Lewis has withdrawn from the US college championships because of a hamstring injury. University of California at Los Angeles assistant coach John Smith said yesterday.

Drug tests

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, May 31, (AP): More than 200 random drug tests will be carried out on New Zealand athletes within the next three months as part of a programme leading up to the 1990 Auckland Commonwealth Games, officials said today.

Cup qualifier

MOSCOW, May 31, (Reuters): The Soviet Union and Iceland drew 1-1 (halftime 0-0) in their World Cup European Group Three qualifying soccer match today.

Bullets triumph

BRISBANE, Australia, May 31, (AP): Former Phoenix Suns forward Winston Crite hit 39 points last night to lead the Brisbane Bullets to a 102-89 victory over an all-star college basketball team from the Big Eight Conference.

European boxing

PIRAEUS, Greece, May 31 (AP): Bulgarian Olympic silver medalist Ivailo Hristov outpointed Paul Weir of Scotland in the light fly category yesterday as the 28th European Senior Amateur Boxing Championships entered their second day.

IOC vice-president denies accusations

Astaphan refuses to name steroid supplier

TORONTO, May 31, (Agencies): The doctor of disgraced sprinter Ben Johnson refused yesterday to name the East German athlete who supplied him with a secret anabolic steroid in 1985, saying his family's security was more important than his credibility as a witness.

Dr Mario (Jamie) Astaphan, testifying for a fifth day at a government inquiry into drugs in sports, said he was warned recently by the Canadian athlete who set up the meeting with the East German to not disclose their identities.

"My attorneys have explained to me the fact that not disclosing their names will affect my credibility, and I have tried to tell the truth right through the whole thing," Astaphan said. "But where the security of my wife and

children comes in, I have to draw the line. My credibility takes second place to my family's security and safety."

In a related matter, Richard Pound, an international Olympic Committee vice-president from Canada, emphatically denied Astaphan's accusations Monday and offered to testify again.

Astaphan had said Johnson's coach, Charlie Francis, told him IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch was prepared to cover up Johnson's failed drug test.

"It's unthinkable we would even consider it," Pound told the Toronto Sun. "I think you have to consider it is third hand and the source."

Pound said Astaphan was "clearly looking for ways of

spreading the blame."

Johnson was stripped of his gold medal in the 100 metres and banned from competition for two years. The inquiry was launched in the wake of the ensuing scandal.

Francis earlier testified Johnson began using steroids in 1981. Astaphan admits supervising Johnson's steroid programme from 1984 until after the Seoul Olympics.

Yesterday Johnson's lawyer accused Astaphan of "playing Russian roulette" with the sprinter's health.

In cross-examining Astaphan, who has admitted supplying steroids to Johnson, Lawyer Ed Futerman said yesterday a test done on the runner in March — five months after a failed Seoul dope test cost him Olympic gold

— showed abnormal liver function.

"I would suggest that you were playing Russian roulette with Ben's liver... and that, indeed, he is perhaps fortunate that he tested positive in Seoul... to ensure that people like you would be exposed for what you stand for," Futerman said.

Justice Charles Dubin, the inquiry's usually mild-mannered commissioner, bristled at Futerman's statement and said it was inappropriate for the lawyer to make such remarks during questioning.

Astaphan, showing signs of strain in his fifth day on the witness stand, said: "I think that's a pretty nasty statement."

The physician has insisted that liver function returns to normal within two weeks.

Tyrrell team enjoying a new lease of racing life

PHOENIX, Arizona, May 31, (Reuters): Michele Alboreto hopes history can repeat itself this Sunday when he tries to maintain the homepun Tyrrell team's remarkable revival in the United States Grand Prix.

The Italian, who left Ferrari last year to return to the once-famous but now underfunded British team, was the last Tyrrell driver to win a Formula One race — the 1983 US (East) Grand Prix in Detroit.

"That is a very nice memory for me," he said. "But now I want to see the team being really competitive again. We have a fantastic car and showed in Mexico we can finish in the points."

"I was delighted to take third place there, but we have to stay successful to attract sponsorship so we can go testing properly and mount a real challenge."

Tyrrell are the only formula one team without major sponsorship and team chief Ken Tyrrell has been fully stretched this season to keep racing at the top level on a shoestring budget.

In Mexico, where Art Senna and Alain Prost had the benefit of teams of Honda technicians responsible for seemingly each cylinder of their engines, Tyrrell had only six Ford — Cosworth engines — the oldest and cheapest available in Formula one — and no spare car.

The mechanics, unlike their designer-dressed rivals at McLaren, Benetton, March and Williams, were kitted out in plain blue shorts and white shirts bought off the shelf from a provincial English branch of Marks and Spencer.

Alboreto's salary is paid by his private sponsorship from Marlboro, but the rest of the team's operating expenses — each engine costs about \$80,000 to buy — are paid by Tyrrell.

What the Tyrrell team does have is a close-knit family spirit, two competitive drivers in Alboreto and Briton Jonathan Palmer, and a great will to win their 24th Grand Prix since the team entered Formula One in 1970.

Technical director Harvey Postlewaite, one of several former Ferrari men who have enjoyed a new lease of life with Tyrrell, said: "I have had more satisfaction here picking up points than I ever had winning races with Ferrari."

RESULTS of Sheraton Bridge club game held on Tuesday:

1. Sherin & Latala
2. Zuberi & A. Saitar
3. Izzeldin & Harris

E/W
1. Mukherjee & Ravi
2. Mrs D'Souza & Opi
3. Riachis Riachis



Nabil Akel (second left) plays a card from the dummy for her partner, Bianca Mousali. (Photo by Javed Basra)

Murthwaite takes top award

LOLLO Murthwaite was named Player of the Year after the Regency Ladies Bridge Club's End of the Year Tournament at the Regency premises yesterday afternoon.

Murthwaite, who at the moment is out of the country and could not take part in the season-end, had chalked up enough victories to clinch the top award without even taking part in this event.

Murthwaite finished ahead of second-placed Nabil Akel, her partner over a number of years. Both Nabil and Murthwaite have won a lot of awards over the years.

In third place, in the year-end awards, was Margaret Maynard while Bianca Mousali and Randa Finan shared fourth place, by finishing on an equal number of points. Jamila Akel took sixth place.

In the End of the Year Tournament, Nabil Akel and Bianca Mousali emerged on top, after a tough fight, in the North/South



Another group in action.

section while Rabab Abboushi and Camilla Guirguis took the top honours in the East/West group.

Houda Tanas and Camille Sawabini took second place in the North/South group while Jamila Akel and Margaret Rob-Whitaker took third place.

Among the honours in the East/West section were Nida Khalaf and Suhendan Oskay with second place while Suzanne Cattermore and Margaret Maynard took the third place.

The tournament was organised by Nabil Akel and 36 players took part in the event.

Belgium in party mood for Cup finals qualifier

LILLE, France, May 31, (Reuters): Belgium plan to turn their World Cup qualifying soccer match against Luxembourg into a retirement party for Guy Thys tomorrow by virtually securing their place in next year's finals.

Thys, 66, retires after 13 years as Belgian national coach after the game and he knows a handsome victory in his 100th match in charge would leave his side almost guaranteed to reach Italy.

Triumph over soccer's perennial whipping boys would lift unbeaten Belgium three points clear of Czechoslovakia and Portugal in Group Seven and leave them odds-on favourites to clinch one of the two qualifying places from the section.

The Belgians are understandably optimistic. In three previous encounters with Luxembourg in the past 13 years, they have scored 14 goals and conceded none.

Thys has predictably warned his side against complacency. He has anticipated that Paul

Philipp, coach of the mostly-amateur Luxembourg team, would pack his players in defence and has named three strikers in a side bristling with fire-power.

"We have to be aggressive so that we don't turn an easy match into a difficult one," said Thys, who steered Belgium to the semifinals of the 1986 World Cup in Mexico and the 1980 European championship final.

Thys has made no changes to the squad he named for the friendly against Yugoslavia on Saturday which Belgium won 1-0.

Veteran defender Eric Gerets of PSV Eindhoven, who missed Saturday's match because of influenza, is certain to play but Enzo Scifo, who wants to leave France's Bordeaux, and return home to Anderlecht, has been dropped after a mediocre performance.

Luxembourg are hosting the tie in Lille because of renovations to their 56-year-old municipal stadium. All other grounds in the country are too small for major ties.

Biaison finishes first

ATHENS, May 31, (Reuters): World champion Massimo Biaison of Italy steered his Lancia to victory in the Acropolis Rally today.

His team-mate Didier Auriol of France was second, while Italian Alessandro Fiorio took third place in a privately entered Lancia.

Leading standings in the rally after the fourth and final leg:

1. Massimo Biaison (Italy): Lancia seven hours 31 minutes 43 seconds; 2. Didier Auriol (France): Lancia 7:33:41; 3. Alessandro Fiorio (Italy): Lancia 7:35:14; 4. Jim McRae (Britain): Mitsubishi 7:43:58; 5. Jorge Recalde (Argentina): Lancia 7:57:20; 6. Rudi Stohl (Austria)

Audi 8:27:24; 7. Kenjiro Shimozuka (Japan): Mitsubishi 8:29:36; 8. Armin Schwarz (West Germany): Audi 8:29:57; 9. "Jigger" (Greece): Lancia 8:42:25; 10. Per Eklund (Sweden): Nissan 8:47:43.

Drivers' world championship standings after six events:

1. Biaison 80 points; 2. Auriol 50; 3. Fiorio 25; 4. Equal: Juha Kankkunen (Finland) 20; Ingvar Carlsson (Sweden) 20; Sig Blomqvist (Sweden) 20; 7. Marc Duez (Belgium) 17; 8. Eklund 16; 9. Equal: Francois Chatriot (France) 15; Mike Kirkland (Kenya) 15; Markko Aien (Finland) 15.

Manufacturers' standing after five events:

Lancia 100 points; 2. Toyota 36; 3. BMW 31; 4. Audi 25; 5. Mazda 24; 6. Renault 20; 7. Nissan 18; 8. Volkswagen 14; 9. Mitsubishi 10; 10. Equal: Subaru 6; Ford 6.